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"TROOPS of the first Ukrainian front continued successfully to develop their offensive and stormed and captured the town and railway junction of Novograd-Volynsk, as well as over 170 inhabited localities, including several district centres of the Zhitomir region, among them Olevsk," stated last night's Soviet communiqué.

This victory, says a Press Association military correspondent, brings the Red Army 140 miles west of Kiev and back to the bitterly-contested battlefield of July, 1941, less than a month after the Germans had crossed the Soviet State frontiers.

Novograd Volynsk stands at the terminus of the railway running west from Kiev through Zhitomir. A branch line connecting it with Shepetovka, to the south-west, where it joins the north-westerly railway through Rovno to Warsaw. From Shepetovka the south-westerly line crosses the Bug, and eventually runs into Rumania.

Olevsk is the last town before the 1939 Polish frontier, now only eight miles distant.

HUGE WEDGES

Other Soviet forces in General Vatutin's south-westerly sweep, Reuter's correspondent states, are swiftly bearing down on Vinnitsa, the biggest town between the Red Army and Zhmerinka Junction on the Odessa-Berlin railway.

Two huge wedges are now being driven into the German armies from the original bulge. One to the west is rolling back the Germans towards the south-western fringe of the Pripet Marshes; the other, in the south, is pinning them on the upper reaches of the river Bug, and at the same time threatening to isolate the big German groupings south and south-west of Byelaya Tserkov.

Marshal von Manstein's forces obviously are approaching a desperate stage, faced as they are with really formidable Russian pressure which shows no signs of slackening.

Front line reports reaching Moscow say the German Army west of Zhitomir and Korosten have suffered a catastrophic defeat. "These forces are fleeing in disorder under the blows of Vatutin's army group, and are losing tens of thousands in dead and prisoners," states this correspondent.

Swift advances west and south of the Kiev bulge are sweeping the offensive to a climax, which even now cannot be foreseen.

Both Byelaya Tserkov and Berdichev are under imminent threat. Berdichev, where the German garrison stands like a solitary dam amid the Russian flood, is now hemmed in from east, south and north-west.

NEW ATTACK

Colonel von Hammer, German News Agency military commentator, stated last night:—"In order to prevent the German defensive front from being torn open the Germans are throwing in mobile reserves at some threatened points, and are shortening the front. South and south-west of Berdichev the German main forces have been regrouped, unhampered by the Soviets, who were tied down by an unexpected manœuvre of a German tank column."

He also reported another new attack "in the area west of Gomel and east of Rogachev. At one point they achieved a considerable local penetration, which was, however, liquidated. Heavy German counter-attacks are now in progress."

On the Baltic front the Germans are stubbornly clinging to their positions north and north-west of Nevel, says *Red Star*, quoted by Reuter, and there are especially fierce clashes on the road north-west, where the Germans are well dug in.

The Soviet communiqué stated that north of Nevel, Russian troops yesterday fought their way forward and occupied 70 inhabited localities.

The Russians, throwing in several fresh divisions, have increased their pressure in the Nikopol area, according to the Scandinavian Telegram Bureau, which stated: "This is evidently part of the Russian plan to close giant pincers round the German forces in the Dnieper Basin."

MORE ORANGES FOR DUBLIN

ANOTHER consignment of oranges arrived at Dublin port on Saturday There are about 1,000 cases in this load, which formed part of a cargo of more essential goods. This 1,000 cases, it is understood, could not be fitted into the ship which brought the recent consignment, and had to be left over for the next boat coming to Dublin.

The oranges met with a great reception in Dublin in the past few days, and some of the larger fruiterers' shops had to form queues to deal with customers. The rush was expected, and fruit-dealers, who knew the oranges were due to arrive within the last couple of weeks, were apprehensive lest they should arrive on Christmas Eve. Added to the normal Christmas trade the rush on the oranges would have made fruit shops unmanageable.

It is understood that the Kerlogue had on board a cargo of dried fruits, including a consignment of prunes.

Britain's Best Army

THE German News Agency, quoting the Spanish weekly, "El Espanol," said last night: "Britain has never had a better army than that which will invade the Continent. This is true not only of its training, but also of its equipment.

"On the other hand, Germany undoubtedly has gigantic fortifications, manned by millions of seasoned soldiers, and constructed to the most modern pattern."—(Reuter.)

JAPANESE FORCES THREATENED BY NEW LANDING

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S forces are steadily enlarging their "leapfrog" landing at Saidor, on the north coast of the Huon peninsula, threatening large forces of Japanese cut off to the south-east, says Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters, South-west Pacific.

Artillery is believed to have been put ashore to support veteran United States combat teams of earlier New Guinea campaigns in their job of pinching off Japanese positions, now squeezed between the new beach-head and Australian jungle units advancing north-westward through the rough coastal terrain.

Only light resistance has, so far, met the new landing. It followed much the same pattern as the invasion of Cape Gloucester, New Britain, a week previously, naval and air bombardments paving a way for the landing boats, which stole ashore under a smoke screen.

When elements of General Krueger's Sixth Army, under the command of Brigadier-General Clarence Martin, clambered ashore on both sides of Saui Point, some 50 miles south-east of Bogadjim, they quickly took Saidor airfield. The operation was covered by the guns of Australian and American warships.—(Reuter.)

Allied Advance in Burma

ADMIRAL LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN'S advanced forces have driven their way forward on the western slopes of the Arkan Mayu range in South-Western Burma.

A communiqué issued yesterday in New Delhi reported "a short advance" in that sector, following recent repeated attacks on Japanese positions by R.A.F. dive-bombers.

The first important objective of any offensive in this sector, says Reuter, would be the port of Akyab, about 90 miles from the Indian frontier. Allied patrols in all parts of the Burma front have been considerably more active recently than the Japanese.

Empire forces, following the British and Indian thrusts in the Mayu peninsula, are now making a two-pronged drive on Japanese positions.

According to a report from the front, a fresh advance has been made on the west side of the precipitous Mayu ridge. Its immediate objective was a section of the long range of hills running north to south, three to four miles north-east of Maungdaw.

The Empire troops soon encountered resistance from Japanese machine-guns placed on high ground, but these were quickly destroyed.—(Reuter.)

QUIT RANGOON

We have practically forced the Japanese to quit using Rangoon, and, instead, they are now running supply ships into Bangkok, said Brigadier-General Davidson, Commander of the 10th U.S.A. Air Force and Strategical Commander of the Eastern Air Command, in an interview yesterday.

"The Japanese in Burma have been hit hard and hurt badly during the past year, but that is only a sample of what they will get in 1944," he added.—(Assoc. Press.)

U.S. Destroyer Explodes

At least 113 men were injured when a United States destroyer exploded and sank yesterday about six miles north-east of Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The cause of the explosion was not yet known. There are at least 163 known survivors. The number killed was not announced.

All communications on the ship were disrupted, the Navy Department said later. The masts toppled over on to the bridge, buckled up and collapsed. One man saw the barrel of a forward 5-in. gun go whirling through the air.—(Reuter.)

TIMING OFFENSIVES

FROM OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

THERE is just now so much speculation as to the immediacy of new Allied offensives that it seems advisable to examine what foundation there may be for such an attitude. The most extreme statement was that of Ankara Radio of January 2nd: "The Germans are expecting an Allied attack within the next ten days, in conjunction with the Russian 1944 offensive, which has already begun." The Russian 1944 offensive, in point of fact, began in 1943—corresponding mainly to the renewal of the Kiev salient operation, which answered Field-Marshal Manstein's counter-stroke. This Russian offensive will certainly be pressed as continuously as possible, in one form or another, as long as weather conditions serve. This would normally be up to the middle of March or thereabouts.

Evidently it is, from the Allied standpoint, desirable in the highest degree to launch a new offensive during the period between now and mid-March, if such a thing can be done with fair prospects of success. A German Agency puts the same line of thought thus: "Experts even believe that the invasion army standing ready in Southern England may be compelled for political considerations to strike sooner than military considerations would make it appear opportune." But, surely, any such action automatically condemns itself. The Allies cannot possibly hope to gain anything by experiencing a major repulse. If their prospects in ten weeks' time are clearly better than in ten days, nothing could justify a rushing of the fences. There can be no sound strategy without ordinary commonsense as its foundation.

SNOWSTORMS

As far as the Italian campaign is concerned, the New Year has brought a definite worsening of conditions for pursuing an offensive. Snowstorms came on top of the long-persisting rains; and the drying-out process will probably be correspondingly prolonged. This militates against aerial operations just as much as against ground attacks.

Now, the state of affairs in Italy must be regarded as more favourable than in the case of any new front not yet established. In Italy there are forward bases and lines of communication up to these that are well-established and secure. These are quite independent of weather—even of a considerable period of really bad weather, as we have seen. Conditions would be quite otherwise in the case of any new landing in France or elsewhere. With the first wave of forces landing, supplies for only a few days at most could be guaranteed. Unless, and until, at least a passable harbour could be secured, nearly everything would depend on favourable weather—and favourable weather cannot be infallibly counted on at this season of the year in Atlantic, Channel, and North Sea waters.

It should not be overlooked that the various types of modern landing-craft are very far from being really sea-worthy ships. Some of them had difficulties off Sicily in July last—difficulties which, if slightly increased, would have compelled a postponement of the landing attempt fixed for a certain date. These are weather difficulties; but there are also others. There have been severe repulses of Allied landing attempts—which have overlooked among the successful examples. The latest such was the repulse at Cape Merkus in New Britain, simultaneously with the Arawe successful landing. In short, no landing attempt is warrantable, unless the balance of chances are in its favour; and, the bigger the operation, the larger the proportion of odds should be in its favour.

Everything that has been said about the actual landing, applies with equal force to operations which follow. From the Allied standpoint, there would be nothing gained by bogging down immediately after the troops had been put ashore—even assuming that their supplies were quite adequate for urgent needs.

Obviously such a counsel of delay has another side to it—in that it enables the defenders to improve their preparations to meet the eventual assault. As regards this, the Allies are seeking to counter by intensifying their aerial offensive. This has, after a certain lull, been greatly stepped up during recent weeks. In particular, considerably more attention has been paid to the zone more immediately in the rear of the prospective front of attack.

SOLDIERS' MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE

When the Senate meets on January 12th there will be a debate on a motion tabled by Senators R. Mulcahy, M. Hayes, and J. T. McGee (Fine Gael), asking for an amendment to the law in respect of the special allowance in respect of the soldier's wife and children. As it stands at present the allowance ceases on the death of the soldier.

The amendment suggested is that the allowance should be continued after death, in view of the needy circumstances of the family while the husband pensioner is living, and the greater financial difficulties after death.

Exchange Reaction to Merger Scheme

DISSATISFACTION with the terms granted to stockholders of the Dublin Transport Company in the proposed transport merger, was expressed on the Dublin Stock Market yesterday by a sharp marking down of the company's Ordinary and Preference issues.

In a run of fairly heavy selling, Dublin Transport Preference fell 2s. to 24s. 3d., reflecting the attitude of the investors to the fixed 6 per cent. dividend issue, while Ordinary shares, with a more speculative flavour, dropped 6d. to 24s. 6d.

The beneficial effect of the scheme on Railway stocks was expressed in a strong upward tendency in the Ordinary and Preference issues, the former gaining £2 and the latter £4.

A growing belief that the Grand Canal will find a place in the Transport Bill was indicated by a rise of 5s. in the Ordinary stock, bringing it to 105s., and the Preference issue was in demand at 117s., but there were no sellers.

Mr. Michael R. Heffernan, Carrick-on-Suir, suggests that some stockholder immediately should take steps to convene a general meeting of stockholders on Monday, 24th January—the day previous to the extraordinary general meeting of the company—for the purpose of discussing the position.

Stilwell's Deputy.—Major-General Daniel Isom Sultan (58) has been appointed Deputy Commander of the United States Army forces in China, Burma and India under General Stilwell.—(Reuter.)

The United States Senate War Investigating Committee yesterday ordered an investigation into the possible faults reported to have caused some Liberty ships to break apart at sea.—(Reuter.)

Germans Make Strong Effort to Save Berlin

ONE of the heaviest attacks yet made on Berlin was carried out on Sunday night, when Allied bombers dropped one thousand tons of explosives on the city. Large fires resulted. German fighter planes were up in large numbers, and heavy fighting took place on the way to and from the city and over Berlin itself.

The British Air Ministry announcement said:—

"On Sunday night aircraft of Bomber Command made another heavy attack on Berlin. A pilot reconnoitring the city after the attack was over reported that there were two large concentrations of fire.

"Mosquitos attacked objectives in Western Germany and in Northern France, and other aircraft laid mines in enemy waters.

"Twenty-seven of our aircraft not twenty-eight, as reported earlier, are missing."

"The raid was made by a strong force of Lancasters, with a smaller number of Halifaxes and Mosquitos," the British Air Ministry News Services stated. "Some 1,000 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

"The Germans put up swarms of fighters to defend Berlin, and there were many combats over the target and along the route.

DEFENCE PACKS

"Fighters hastened in strength to the defence of Berlin. The bombers went almost straight for Berlin. The Germans put up fighters from airfields some considerable distance away from Berlin. These joined up into packs, which then swept on towards the capital, gathering reinforcements on the way. Lanes of fighter flares were laid as far away as Hanover, so that the packs should be in no doubt as to the route which they should take.

"Some of the fighters had obviously been ordered to intercept the bomber stream along the route, and fighting was going on almost continuously during the last hundred miles of the journey. Meanwhile, the other packs were making straight for Berlin, racing the bombers to the target. When the main force arrived they found lanes of flares and many fighters waiting for them. As the fighters began weaving their way between the Lancasters our gunners opened up on them with great effect. For the first part of the journey the crews did not see many fighters, but as they approached Berlin they saw fighter flares in twos and threes, and then the combats started.

BIG FIRES

"Despite the efforts of the fighters to drive off the bombers, fires were soon burning in the capital, and smoke eventually reached a height of some 15,000 feet. Some thousand tons of bombs were dropped in a swift saturation attack.

A British Air Ministry report yesterday stated: "R.A.F. Mosquitos and Typhoon fighter-bombers on Sunday attacked military objectives in Northern France. They were covered and supported by R.A.F., Dominion and Allied fighters. Bombing results were good.

"Other R.A.F. fighters on offensive patrols over France and Belgium shot down four enemy aircraft. From these operations one of our fighters is missing. One of our fighters is missing from intruder operations on Sunday night."

FOUR DOWN

Four German aircraft which flew over the south-east coast of England on Sunday night were destroyed. Not more than six penetrated the Greater London defences. They fanned out after crossing the coast and dropped their bombs at several places, causing a little damage and a small number of casualties, says Press Association.

Longest and shortest of recent Civic Guard recruits — Guard Robinson, 6 ft. 4½ ins., and Guard Scully, 5 ft. 10½ ins.

Candidates For U.C.D. Governing Body

THE election of six members to the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, by the graduates of the college, which takes place on January 14th, promises to be as closely contested as were the recent elections to the same body by the County Councils.

Six seats are to be filled, and sixty-six of the best known members of the staff have joined in supporting the following candidates:—The Right Rev. Mgr. P. Boylan, Professor of Eastern Languages; P. F. Donovan, Supervisor of Examinations; J. J. Hogan, Professor of English Literature; J. N. Meenan, M.D., Professor of Medicine, and G. O'Brien, Professor of Economics. Their supporters include Professor H. L. Barniville, Mr. J. H. Delargy, Rev. A. Gwynn, S.J.; Senator M. Hayes, Professor J. F. Larchet, Professor P. McGilligan, Professor Henry Moore, Professor T. J. Nolan, Professor C. O Cadhlaigh, the Rev. Professor D. O'Keefe, Professor J. M. O'Sullivan, the Rev. Professor J. Ryan and Professor M. Tierney.

These candidates state that they intend to press for improvements, in order to provide the facilities required by the continued growth of the college. Ordinary and advanced studies, they say, are very much hampered by the insufficiency of the college endowment.

Other candidates include Professor R. F. Shields, a member of the Governing Body for many years; Professor Bayley Butler, Professor Agnes O'Farrelly, Mr. P. O'Donoghue, recently President of the S.R.C.; Mr. R. McHugh, Mr. T. L. Devitt, Rev. A. Egan, C.S.Sp.; Rev. T. Flynn, O.Carm.; Mr. C. O'Daly, Mr. N. O'Dwyer and Mr. T. Waller.

General Arnold on Air War: Crucial Phase

GENERAL ARNOLD, Commanding the United States Army Air Force, said yesterday:—"It is now plain that for us the beginning has ended. For our enemies the end has begun.

"In view of the high rate of attrition of German fighter aircraft on the western front, the near future appears likely to be a crucial period which may determine the survival or destruction of the Luftwaffe as an effective Air Force. If the present rate of attrition keeps up, and German aircraft factories producing these fighters continue to suffer progressive destruction, a point will be reached where German reserves are exhausted and only a trickle of new replacements can be supplied.

"It is difficult to appraise the present struggle for air supremacy as representing anything short of a major turning point in the war."

General Arnold said the Allies' primary concern was to make the coming invasion of Germany as economical as possible by drastically reducing the war potential of the Third Reich and its satellites.

"Our first step in the strategic bombing offensive is the destruction of the enemy's fighter strength. The next objective of our bomber offensive is the smashing of industrial targets vital to the enemy's military strength on the ground.

"If the sources of 90 per cent. of German electric power were destroyed in one week the results might well be decisive. All industry would halt. Destruction spread out over a year, however, would be hardly noticed in terms of front line strength. Given enough time the enemy can recover from anything."—(Reuter.)

Contrary to prevailing beliefs, said General Arnold, industrial damage, even on an extensive scale, might not affect a warring nation's front-line strength for twenty years or more. There was a stand-by steel plant in Germany waiting to go into production for every plant destroyed.

As the Allied air forces went deeper into Germany, they hurt her more. It was bombardment in depth against defence in depth. It had been estimated that the Regensburg raid, in which the Allies lost 24 Flying Fortresses, had caused a loss in production of 500 Messerschmitt 109s.

Observing that an all-out air bombardment of Japan would be neither simple nor soon because of the need for "vast supply lines and different fighting conditions," General Arnold said U.S.A. now had the world's largest Air Force, with 2,305,000 officers and men.

November 'plane output in U.S.A. was 8,300. When the Japanese struck on December 7th, 1941, American aircraft in the Pacific numbered only 526, and within a few hours that number was reduced to 176. America's combat strength for the whole nation at that time was about 3,000 'planes, and of those only 1,157 were suited to combat service.—(Reuter.)

BIG SALVAGE EFFORT AT ST. ANNE'S

EXPERTS from the Dublin Fire Brigade and the Department of Defence have dispelled fears that extremely large quantities of A.R.P. equipment have been destroyed by the fire which gutted St. Anne's, historic old Clontarf mansion, on Christmas Eve. They have discovered that much of the material stored in the basement and cellars had been damaged only slightly, and that much of what was destroyed—gas masks, other, etc.—was perishable and would have become useless within the year.

Yesterday the *Irish Times* learned that £2,000 of medical supplies belonging to the Irish Red Cross Society, and stored at St. Anne's, had escaped damage. These supplies represent 16 per cent. of the supplies received from the United States, and are the allocation for Dublin City and County.

Meanwhile, stock-taking by insurance assessors continues. While the authorities refuse, as yet, to give any official estimate of the extent of the damage, they describe newspaper reports that half-a-million pounds worth of property and material were destroyed as fantastic.

The Lord Mayor, replying, at a meeting of Dublin Corporation last night, to Mr. P. Belton, said that the matter of the cause of the fire at St. Anne's was being investigated by the municipal authorities, and that a full report would be made to the Council as soon as possible.

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Rationing of Milk Not Contemplated

ALTHOUGH the need for putting them into operation is not likely to arise during the present year, elaborate plans for dealing with an acute milk shortage in Dublin have now been completed and carefully filed by the Dublin District Milk Board. Based on experience gained in previous years, they are designed to grapple with any milk scarcity likely to arise during the low-production period, January to March.

An *Irish Times* reporter was authoritatively informed yesterday that while it may become necessary for registered milk retailers voluntarily to impose a scheme of rationing, limiting their customers to a percentage of their normal supplies during the next few months no form of governmental milk rationing is contemplated. There is no reason, therefore, to anticipate that the Government's action last week in reducing the butter ration, foreshadows the introduction of a rigid form of milk rationing.

NEW ORDER

By virtue of powers conferred upon them, the Dublin District Milk Board may, in the event of an acute shortage, purchase milk supplies from unregistered creameries in Cork, Limerick and Kerry—*i.e.*, other than the sixteen entitled to send milk to the city—for equitable distribution to city milk distributors. Registered wholesalers and retailers may still continue to purchase supplies from the sixteen creameries, but—as the result of an Emergency Powers Order which came into force yesterday—only under licence issued by the Dublin District Milk Board. Heretofore, purchases could be made without the issue of a licence.

30 Charged with Conspiracy

A Federal Grand Jury in Washington yesterday indicted thirty persons on charges of conspiracy to aid in the establishment of a Nazi form of Government in the United States.

The indicted persons are 28 men and two women.

Polish Dispute With U.S.S.R.

THE approach of the Red Army to the 1939 Russo-Polish frontier has given new urgency to the importance of settling the differences between the Polish Government and the U.S.S.R., says the Press Association's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The discussions, which took place at the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Moscow, Teheran and more recently in London, will be renewed in Washington, when, probably, towards the end of this week, M. Mikolajczyk, the Polish Prime Minister, and M. Romer, the Foreign Minister, go from London for meetings with President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull.

Polish circles hope for the good offices of both Britain and the United States.

Paraffin Ration for January

The ration of paraffin oil for domestic use in January, 1944, will be one gallon for each registered kerosene customer.

Prospect of Serious Unemployment

Eire is likely to be confronted with a serious unemployment problem during the coming year, a Dublin trade union official forecast yesterday. The figure, at the moment, is down to about 70,000. A big number of workers who arrived home at Christmas from Great Britain, my reporter was told, will not return, and from now on this state of affairs is very likely to continue.

Official figures show that travel permits were issued to 27,165 men for the eleven months ended last November, and 17,492 to women for the same period. These figures, as has been pointed out by Mr. de Valera, include permits granted for journeys involving temporary absence.

Mr. Oliver Roberts and Dr. Diarmuid Murphy, who are investigating the culture by new methods of penicillin, the cure for many diseases, at work in the Botany Department of University College, Dublin.

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"IRISH TIMES," DEC. 30th, 1943

Strong women, lost children and worried assistants in a Dublin drapery shop yesterday presented such a spectacle as has not been seen for a long time . . . thousands of shoppers had waited for hours for the shop to open. The queue in the morning was as big as any of those outside the cinemas on St. Stephen's night.

There was almost everything in the cloth line in the sale, and the prices were real bargains. Wool cardigan and jumper sets went for 35s.; jumpers for 9/6 to 12/6; attractive skirts for £2 5s.; scarves from 2/- to 2/6; silk handkerchiefs from 6s. 1d.; evening dresses down as low as 5 gns., or even 4 gns.

"IRISH PRESS," DEC. 30th, 1943

Before the shops opened large crowds had gathered, and in one case two long queues of determined women were regulated by a Garda.

First rush was made towards the remnant counters where good quality coat and frock materials had been marked down to two-thirds or half price. Other preferences were for coats, especially swagger coats, originally £5 12s. 6d. and now selling at £2 16s. 3d. Hand-woven tweeds, marked down from 19/11 to 9/11 a yard, were sold as quickly as they could be cut. Men's overcoats in hand-woven tweed, said to be marked down from the controlled price of £10 10s., were going for £4 19s. 6d.

Utility buying was a feature of the day. A great pile of flannelette blankets was all sold out in the first hour. "Flour bag" sheets, of strong calico, were reduced to 13/10 per pair. Printed cotton was going for half price, and American white poplin at 2/6 a yard had one of the greatest rushes. Cot blankets, pillow covers, glass cloths and towels were among the definite bargains.

Greatest reductions were in the toy departments. Toys which were handled last week and put back on the counters with a sigh at the price are now marked at half.

"IRISH INDEPENDENT," DEC. 31st, 1943

If you can get near enough to spot them, there are genuine bargains to be had. The best I saw were a collection of men's heavy tweed coats marked down from the standard price of £10 10s. to £4 19s. 6d., and a few trays of women's felt hats costing only 3/11d. Crowds also surged around remnant counters, where goods were marked down to half price. Toys were being sold at a third of last week's prices.

Some lines in women's footwear, fibro jumpers, fancy goods and jewellery were also being sold at half price. Stockings were also included in the sale.

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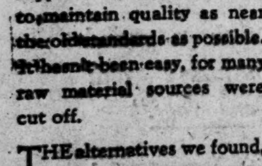

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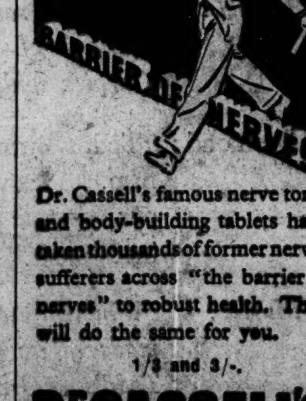

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DR. CASSELL'S TABLETS *build strong nerves!*

50-Acre Holdings Best.—In order to provide a good living, farms in Co. Dublin would need to be of at least fifty acres—not 25-acre holdings as allocated by the Land Commissioners after dividing up large county farms. This was the reply which the Dublin County Committee of Agriculture yesterday decided to forward to a Department of Agriculture questionnaire regarding the size of holdings that would be suitable in Co. Dublin.

Obstructed 'Bus Conductor.—Peter Callaghan, Kildare road, Crumlin, was fined 1/-, with 13/4 costs, by District Justice Molony in Dublin yesterday, for wilfully obstructing a 'bus conductor, and refusing to pay his legal fare. The conductor had to transfer his passengers to another 'bus and then take the defendant to Kevin Street Garda Station.

GUINNESS No. 1 CLERKSHIPS. Pupils of ROSSE COLLEGE, 65 Stephen's Gn., Dublin, gained 19 of the 25 appts. offered at last 5 exams. —(Advt.)

Rising Rugby Teams Arouse Interest

(BY OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT)

IT was a big day at Sydney Parade last Saturday when the Monkstown and Palmerston Rugby teams met for the first time this season. At least one of the Leinster selectors decided that it was time an official eye was cast on these teams — they have not troubled the selectors for many a year past—and he told me that he had not enjoyed a game as much for a long time. There was not a great deal of scientific Rugby to be seen, but with both sides so immensely keen and determined not to be beaten, it was a really exciting struggle with a dramatic finish.

With a strong breeze behind them in the first half, Monkstown looked to have lost their chance when they failed to cross their opponents' line, their only points coming from a good penalty goal by Campbell. When Palmerston scored and converted in the second period, Monkstown looked a beaten side, but, despite the fact that it was so difficult to make progress against the breeze, they launched a furious attack; but the Palmerston defence was equally grim. Twice, when scrums were formed near the Palmerston posts, Campbell was brought in from the wing to out-half in the hope of the dropped goal, and each time Palmerston heeled and cleared to half-way. Finally, with only a few moments to go, Monkstown managed to heel in the right position, and this time Campbell's accurate left foot brought the vital four points.

SIDE-LINE ENTHUSIASM

Not only was it an enjoyable match to watch, but the rising fortunes of the two clubs aroused the right sort of interest, scores of old members, who had apparently lost interest after their playing days, turning up to cheer on the present generation. This is a true sign of a club's prosperity, and there is little question now that Monkstown, especially, will have a big following in the Cup. As my selector friend pointed out, they can be beaten, well and truly, by any team with fast backs who know how to give and take their passes, for their is a lack of speed behind the scrum, but how many teams in Dublin can bring off three-quarter movements [illegible] in a cup-tie?

It is a pity that, under present travelling conditions, there is so little contact between Leinster and Munster Rugby. One of the biggest draws in Ireland at the moment would be the Cork Constitution team, who supplied the full-back, two three-quarters, both half-backs and a couple of forwards to the Munster XV. which beat Leinster at Lansdowne road last month. By all reports, they play grand, open football, and I hear they are very keen to get the Leinster Cup winners down to Cork for a game towards the end of the season. I imagine that some of the Leinster clubs would welcome a fixture against them in Dublin.

U.C.D. TEAM.

The following will represent University College against St. Mary's College at Kimmage Grove on Saturday:—C. Nolan; K. O'Flanagan, A. McElhinney, F. Johnston, J. Blayney; J. O'Hagan, J. Thompson; J. Fogarty, E. Hay, P. O'Donoghue, C. O'Doherty, K. McCormack, A. Lawlor, T. Hahenny, R. Spellman.

Schoolboys' Matches—Old Wesley 17, Bective 8. To-morrow—Old Wesley Schoolboys v. Suttonians' Schoolboys, Donnybrook, 2.45. The match between Wanderers' Schoolboys and Palmerston Schoolboys, fixed for to-day, is cancelled, at the request of Palmerston.

FITZWILLIAM RETAIN SQUASH CUP

Fitzwilliam won the Gray Cup, the inter-club squash rackets championship, for the eighth year in succession, when they defeated Bankers by 4 matches to 1 in the final at Fitzwilliam Club last evening.

This was Bankers' first appearance in the final, and they put up an excellent fight against opponents who would be conceding them long handicaps in the League competition. Their first string, J. J. O'Keeffe outplayed P. D. MacWeeney, the former Irish champion, getting right on top after losing the first game; but the holders were never in real danger in losing any of the other four matches, although they had to work for their success.

Particularly well-fought matches were those in which R. N. Hogan beat J. J. Fitzsimons and C. A. Kemp beat L. F. Orr. In the latter case the score did little justice to the loser, who, in the first and third game, pressed Kemp for every point. Results:—

P. D. MacWeeney lost to J. J. O'Keeffe—10-8, 1-9, 6-9, 4-9.
N. D. Good beat P. M. O'Keeffe—9-7, 9-6, 9-3.
C. A. Kemp beat L. F. Orr—9-6, 9-1, 9-6.
R. N. Hogan beat J. J. Fitzsimons—9-7, 9-6, 6-9, 9-7.
R. F. Jones beat J. Cagney—9-3, 8-10, 9-3, 9-1.

HANDBALL RESULTS.

Crumlin—Final, St. James's Gate Club s.b. championship—Junior: D. Quinn beat P. Campbell, 63-54. Depot—Inter-club h.b.—A. Clarke and J. Dunne (Mets., Gate) beat R. Moran and J. Condon (Mets)—21-16, 21-10, 15-21, 20-21, 21-9. Junior h.b.—P. Murray and D. Quinn (Mets, Gate) beat W. O'Shea and P. Campbell (Gate)—21-9, 16-21, 21-17.

Leinster Branch Irish Hockey Union.—Branch Council meeting at Jury's Hotel, College Green, to-morrow at 7 p.m. Full and punctual attendance requested.

Increased Stake for Irish Coursing Cup

BY MASTER McGRATH.

THE Irish Cup Meeting will be held on January 12th, 13th, and 14th. The draw will take place in Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, on Tuesday, January 11th, at 2 o'clock.

The recent decision of the Standing Committee of the Irish Coursing Club to increase the value of stake money for the principal events is being given effect to in connection with the Irish Cup, the stake being increased by £90. The winner will receive £400, as against £350 in 1942, and £20 is being added for the second (£120, as against £100). Down to eight dogs, there is an appreciable increase, the total value of the stake being £780, as against the 1942 total of £690.

Last season, owing to transport difficulties, the meeting was abandoned, a decision which did not meet with favour, especially in the South. In the interval the conditions have improved, so far as rail facilities on the main line are concerned; it remains to be seen whether there has been a change for the better respecting the means for getting from Limerick City to Clounanna on each of the three mornings. I have made inquiries in that connection, but mum was the word. However, we got to Clounanna for the Cup long before motor cars or 'buses were on the road, and there is no reason why we should not be able to go through the same ordeal—and it was an ordeal—again.

Up to last Friday the nominations received at Clonmel numbered five only—Mr. W. F. Quinlan's Quaint Monarch (the is a good one), Mr. Denis Slattery's (ns.) Broth of a Boy, Mr. R. Ryan's (ns.) Musical Director, and Mr. H. McAleevey's (ns.) Kilbannon, but such a delay in naming dogs for the Irish Cup has not been unusual of late years; the list is sure to fill by next Tuesday.

Of recent years there has been a marked disinclination on the part of many owners who are not nominators to run their best dogs at Clounanna, the greatest and most searching test of the merits of a greyhound there is in the country. Hence the difficulty of compiling a list of nominations, even a week in advance, on which it would be possible to base an opinion regarding the prospects of a fourth of the sixty-four. It may be possible a few days hence to compile a reliable list of the "probables." If so, I shall return to the subject.

BELFAST AND DISTRICT MEETING

The draw for the Belfast and District meeting at Mallusk to-morrow is:—

TRIAL STAKES (16 dog puppies)—Master John v. Calade Prince; Fair Motive v. Lenaville; Intruder v. Border Roe; Moyola Bridge v. Beechlawn Lad; Border Elegance v. Weymout; Picaroon v. Sprucefield Rambler; Memories Chimes v. Longlands Jim; Micky from Croom v. Master Cecil.

TRIAL STAKES (16 bitch puppies)—Widest Wave v. Legends Old; Printer's Dash v. Broadway Blackout; Victorious Talk v. Fair Marjery; Drummond's Fancy v. Precise; Border Shadow v. Summer Frock; Ruby's Mantle v. East Avenue; Moira Yank v. Litto Just; Miss Swanlinbar v. Blonde Moll.

CELTIC PARK STAKES (16 all-ages)—Border Spitfire v. Paris Green; Bouncing Champion v. Sack Last; Lakeside Tramp v. Brynmawr; Rathmore Jubilee v. Sweet Memories; Sprig of Shamrock v. Paddy's Chum; Forest Daisy v. Gracious Boy; Jobell v. Newfie Defender; Margarita's Son v. Quarterman.

DUNMORE STAKES (16 two-course)—Ennis Slashaway v. Magic Keepsake; Brilliant Speck v. Dixie Dock; Kilrea Stonewall v. Junior Flying Bright; Bolero v. Lakeside Aroon; Scrabo Tower v. Brendon's Son; Knockener Boy v. Tinker's Luck; Tomleduff v. Bovinstown Binny; Sugar Bag v. Gainsboro' Hat.

SURPLUS STAKE (16 all-aged dogs)—Inler's Ian v. Cooke St. Rascal; Keep 'Em Flying v. Murra Cain; Master Bartlett v. Cherryvalley Bon; Bright Balance v. Officious; Kilrea Gold v. Bugle On; F.D.R. v. Balinlough Border; Carn Lad v. Sprig of Holly; Just So Namer v. Costwold Copper.

SURPLUS STAKES (16 all-aged bitches)—Craigsdunloof Lass v. Lucky Crest; Haughty Princess v. Honeysuckle Rose; Brigade's Daughter v. Kilwaughter Lass; Just to Newport v. Wee Edna; Lily's Fancy v. Silver Sal; Lucky Lace v. Victory Talk; Clountabonive Lily v. Dashing Connie; Soldier's Wife v. Lislin Lass.

First brace in slips at 12.30.

WARD HOUNDS' GREAT HUNT

THE Ward / Union Hounds finished the old year well with a wonderful hunt from their meet at Donaghmore Cross-roads on December 31st. The point was eighteen miles, over a glorious line of country, and must be considered one of the best in the history of the pack. There was but one short check early in the proceedings, near Ashbourne, but from that point hounds hunted dead steadily and almost dead straight to the end. Of a very big field, which included many visitors, less than half a dozen saw the finish of this memorable hunt.

Hounds found an outlier on Mr. John Duffy's land at Nutstown, and raced him away by Knockameek, across the Peter Simple course to Ashbourne, and continued to run very fast by Killegland to Ballybrin. With Ratoath just on their right, they went on by Jamestown and Old Fairyhouse, and, crossing the Navan road between the Ten-Mile-Bush and the poorhouse, they hunted through Pelletstown, across the Trim road from Cultrumer and Culmullen. With no slackening of pace, they continued on by Woodtown and Rathkilmore to Larch Hill and Garadice, and were heading for the Kildare country when they were stopped at dusk near Ferrans.

KILDARE HOUNDS

From the meet at Ballyhook Gate, although Ballyhook was blank, hounds found at once in Glenduff, and ran over the bog as if for Whitestown, but swung right, keeping Ballyhook on the left, towards Rathcon; then right again back to the covert, where they marked to ground. Tynte Park held at least two brace, one fox giving a fast, ringing gallop, but hounds changed on to a fresh fox, and were stopped. Copelands held a brace, the selected one giving a nice hunt of fifty minutes to and through Cri-help, and on to Lemonstown, where the line was fouled by cattle.

On Saturday last the meet was at Betaghstown. After a scurry from the bog, and finding a stay-at-home customer in Mount Armstrong, hounds ran fast for twelve minutes from Loughtown Wood across the Painstown-Donadea road; then the Painstown-Clane road, to mark to ground opposite Moortown.

Finding again in Collier's, hounds went over the Baltracey-Balraheen road to the newly-divided lands of Baltracey and Clonfert, where they had a long check. Cast over the Kilcock road, they hit off the line again, and carried it to Clonshambo, and left-handed to Loughtown Wood, where they marked after forty minutes. The day finished with a nice fifteen minutes from Craigue Sallagh through Smithstown, and right-handed almost to Newtown McCabe, hounds being defeated over the point-to-point course.

WEST WATERFORD HUNT

Sport with these hounds during the first half of the season was exceptionally good. The pack is very fit and hunting keenly, and the supply of foxes is adequate for good sport. All the established coverts have held regularly, and good hunts have been had from Fenton's, Morrissey's, Half-way, Doon Glen, Dyrick, Crotty's Rock, etc.

The outstanding hunt so far was on Christmas Eve, when a strong fox, found in Upper Woodhouse, carried the field at a very fast pace through Dyrick, Ballinamult, Doon, Priestown, Half-way and Ballimacarbery, hounds being drawn off before entering the woodlands of the Nore Valley. Scent was excellent throughout, and hounds were not handled once over this 13 or 14 miles of lovely country.

The usual holiday meet at Clashmore on December 27th was the largest seen for years, when upwards of 150 on horseback and hundreds on bicycles, in traps and on foot, enjoyed a good day's sport in the Ballylickey country.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

To-day—South Mayo, Straide, 12 noon; Ballymacad, Crossdrum, 12 noon; Ormond, Prospect, 12 noon; Waterford, Clonea, 11.30 a.m.; United Hunt Club, Whitechurch, 11.30 a.m.; Kildare, Burtown Cross-roads, 11.30 a.m.; Co. Longford, Bawn Cross-roads, 1.0 p.m.; Newry, Killysavan, 12.30 p.m.; Scarteen, Derk Gate, 12 noon; Ward Union, Culmullen, 1.30 p.m.; Wexford, Blackhall, 12 noon; Littlegrange, Duleek, 12 noon; South Union, Ballygarvan 11.30 a.m.

To-morrow—South Co. Dublin, Drimnagh, 2.30 p.m.; North Kilkenny, Seven Cross-roads, 11.30 a.m. (old time); Naas, Mile-mill, 1.0 p.m.; Kilkenny, Ballyhale, 11.30 a.m.; South Mayo, Clogher, 12 noon; Mid-Antrim, Ballylig, 12.30 p.m.; Louth, Moat of Kilbeg, 11.0 a.m.; Duhallow, Altamira, 11.0 a.m.; Strabane, Sion, 11.0 a.m.; Meath, Dunderry, 11.30 a.m.; Bray, Newcastle, 1.30 p.m.; East Antrim, Eyrecourt 12 noon.

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

Newlands—Fourball: W. Bergin (14) and G. G. Roche (15), 3 up; J. McDermott (6) and J. J. Fitzgerald (20), 2 up. Next Sunday: Scotch foursomes, strokes; select partners and opponents. Ladies—Christmas competition won by Miss R. Nolan. Runner-up, Class A—Miss E. Molloy; Class B—Miss N. Connell.

Rathfarnham—Ladies—Medal. A: Mrs. Bingham (21), 4 down (winner); Miss Brooks (7), 4 down. Class B: Mrs. Ramsey (27) 1 down. Box: Nett, Mrs. Black, 34½; gross, Mrs. Cochrane, 42. To-day—Foursomes, 8 holes; draws 10.30 and 2.45.

Clontarf—Fourball, 12 holes: V. Clarke (11) and J. Fay (18), 6 up; J. McArthur (10) and P. Leddy (14), 5 up. **Killiney**—Ladies—Friday: Sweep, 9 holes strokes; draws, 10.15, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0. Committee meeting 4.15.

Clontarf—Ladies — Thursday: Medal, Monday: Sweep, stroke; usual draws.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RACING PROSPECTS

Manœuvres of military mechanical units on land adjacent to training quarters in the South of England may slightly restrict the galloping of horses at certain training quarters, but it is learned that it is unlikely that any great inconvenience will be caused.

The military have taken reasonable care and precautions to protect the gallops. Neither is it expected that prospective race meetings at Ascot, Salisbury and Windsor next season will be interfered with on this account.

FRIDAY'S BOXING

At a meeting of the Co. Dublin Board of the I.A.B.A., at the Stadium last night, the following contests were sanctioned for the C.B.S.I. Club's tournament on Friday:—

Juvenile—B. Carabini (C.B.S.) v. S. Bermingham (Imperial Tobacco Co.).
Fly—J. Power (Avona) v. F. Bermingham (Imperial Tobacco Co.).
Feather—P. Cunningham (Dundalk) v. Cpl. P. Kenny (Arbour Hill and Bray); P. Neville (C.B.S.) v. R. Glennon (Terenure).
Light—P. Byrne (C.B.S.) v. Cpl. P. Dowdall (Clancy); Pte. W. Gifford (North City) v. Pte G. Cullen (Baldonnell).
Welter—T. Kavanagh (C.B.S.) v. Pte. R. Bergin (Curragh).
Heavy—J. Tierney (Phœnix) v. Sgt. Walsh (Santry).

Reducing Loss From Mastitis In Dairy Stock

Further experiments with two Irish dairy herds have confirmed the findings of the previous experiment, referred to in our London Letter a few days ago, of how mastitis may be eradicated from cattle by vaccination. These experiments are looked upon as being of first-rate importance in the fight against a disease which is estimated to cost our dairy farmers about £1,250,000 a year, and is one of three major live-stock diseases (the other two being contagious abortion and tuberculosis).

VACCINATION

The initial experiment, which was the subject of an article by Professor W. Kearney, of the Irish Veterinary College, and the Rev. P. D. Moloney, in *The Veterinary Record*, was conducted on a dairy herd in the Midlands, and began in July, 1942. The herd was one of 80 cows, of which 38 animals were known to be infected, 19 being chronic cases. Over eighteen months 18 cows had to be eliminated from the herd, with a loss estimated at £400.

The first vaccinations were done in July, 1942, in two doses, at intervals of ten days. For the following four months there were only four fresh clinical cases of mastitis, as against an incidence of three per week in the previous year. In addition, the milk and butter yields, which had fallen very low, rose to such an extent that the herd with an average yield of 650 gallons and butter fat average of 234lb. won first place in the local Cow Testing Association's competitions.

In December, following the occurrence of slight mammary infection in two animals, a second vaccination was carried out, and in April, 1943, a third vaccination. The position a year after the first vaccination was that only three animals were known to harbour infection, and in these cases the traces of infection were slight.

Post-war Scheme To Eradicate T.B.

The Government's Committee for the Post-war Development of Agriculture will shortly have laid before it the scheme for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis worked out by committees of the Irish Red Cross Society and the Veterinary Medical Association. The scheme is based on three measures:—(1) The education of farmers and the public on the advantages of eradicating this disease; (2) the establishment of tubercle free herds; and (3) a segregated market for the exclusive use of tuberculin-tested cattle.

The Red Cross Committee, according to an article in the monthly bulletin, believes that farmers will not participate in the scheme for building up tubercle-free herds unless they receive inducements to compensate them for the trouble and expense involved. To meet this difficulty, the Committee has drawn up an insurance scheme to compensate owners whose cattle have been slaughtered. Other progress made by the Committee with its plans for fighting tuberculosis include a scheme for extension of the preventorium at Ballyroan.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Schemes

Dun Laoghaire Borough Council last night authorised an additional expenditure of £2,000 for roads and £1,000 for housing of the working classes in the current financial year.

They had just heard from the Assistant City Manager, Mr. T. C. O'Mahoney, that, while at this stage, it was anticipated they would work within the total estimate, there would possibly be over-expenditure on roads and housing. It was estimated, however, he added, that these would be counter-balanced by savings on other services.

Mr. O'Mahoney reported that the extension of the lighting service in the borough had already been undertaken and that 250 lamps had been restored. Ultimately 450 lamps would be restored at a cost of "somewhere around £2,000."

Other items of expenditure mentioned by Mr. O'Mahoney were: About £1,000 in connection with the construction of a sea wall at Salthill; and £1,064 in buttressing a wall where the road was in serious danger of collapse.

Control of Belfast Guardians

The time will soon arrive when control of the Guardians should be taken over by the Corporation, said Sir Crawford McCullagh, Lord Mayor, at yesterday's meeting of Belfast City Council. The Corporation, he said, had to find the money and take the blame, but had no say in the matter.

A change would require an Act of Parliament, but he hoped at an early date that the Corporation would have a larger voice.

Attention was drawn to the report of the Auditor, which pointed out that the stocktaker's report of clothing and bedding showed considerable deficiencies when compared with the stock on the official books of the Guardians.

Councillor Harpur gave notice that he would move a resolution asking for a sworn inquiry into the matter.

New Irish Companies

There were 284 new companies formed in Eire in 1943, according to the trade statistics of Kemp's Mercantile Offices, Ltd., compared with 189 in 1942. Thirty-four companies were wound-up during the year—one less than in 1942. The number of bankruptcies dropped from 25 in 1941 to 11 last year. Judgments during the year totalled 385, compared with 590 in 1942.

In Northern Ireland the number of new companies formed was 99, while 9 were wound-up, and judgments totalled 129. These figures were 93, 12, and 173, respectively, for 1942.

Useless Fertilisers

Farmers are again warned against the purchase of materials advertised as containing fertilising values. Some of these materials, on analysis, have been found to be of such quality that they cannot be recommended as substitutes for the compound fertilisers which farmers have been accustomed to apply to their crops. The advice of the local agricultural instructor should be sought before any decision is made.

Cattle Thieves Sentenced

At Shankill yesterday before District Justice Reddin, Thomas Holmes, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for stealing three head of cattle, value £57, the property of Mr. M. J. O'Brien, Lehaunstown, Co. Dublin, Master of the Bray Harriers.

John McGowan, also of Rathmichael, who was convicted on the same charge, was sentenced to three calendar months' imprisonment, suspended if he entered a bond for two years, if the doctor certified a suitable discharge before that time, he could come out.

The cattle were recovered.

Record Year for Property Sales In Eire

THE following is a continuation of the review of the Property Market in Eire, the first instalment of which appeared in the *Irish Times* of yesterday.

An increase of from 100 to 150 per cent. in the value of land in Co. Dublin in the early part of last year is recorded by Mr. Kevin J. Wilson, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. In County Dublin land increased from £30 per Irish acre to £60 and £70. Land all over the country was regarded as one of the best long-term investments, and, with proper management it was expected to hold its value. The probability of a demand for live stock in Europe after the war and the extension of electricity supplies to rural areas are two factors which, probably, will maintain the values of land, Mr. Wilson states. The high values of house property as a result of scarcity in building materials may be adjusted after the war, when people probably will begin to move back to the suburban areas. There was excellent demand for licensed houses and shops during the year, as well as businesses with living accommodation. One of the most hopeful sections of the trade for post-war years is shops, Mr. Wilson states.

BUILDING SITES

A very successful year's trading is reported also by Messrs. Edward J. Connolly, 3 Lincoln place, Dublin, who found that freehold ground rents were the most sought by the careful investor during the past year. They readily disposed of better-class flat property, and found that the average modern family house showed an increase of about 20 per cent. on 1940 prices. Among the large city premises which they disposed of during the year were the Congregational Church, York street (to the Salvation Army); York street garage premises; Cosgrave's, of Ranelagh; Parkview, Westland row, and other well-known premises. There was a demand for choice building sites, and the firm continued to have a demand for farm land, disposing of £50,000 worth for various owners. Seaside properties were in favour, especially those in the South.

Many important furniture and fine art sales were conducted during 1943 by Messrs. Allen and Townsend, who report a highly successful year, especially in their auction department. Among their largest sales were the nine days' sale at Roebuck Castle, Clonskeagh; Tennahinch, Enniskerry, and the Rectory, Celbridge, at all of which the prices reached were beyond expectations. The firm's valuing, surveying and rating appeal departments were also very active. A large number of houses and flats were disposed of, and a considerable amount of business in the investment market transacted, in all of which increased prices were the rule.

The sales carried out by Messrs. Stokes and Quirke, 33 Kildare street, Dublin, exceeded those in any similar period over a very large number of years. After opening their Dublin premises in May last they found a much larger demand for their services than they anticipated: Demands for land were slightly in excess of the supply, the greatest inquiry being for good-class residential holdings with 100 to 200 acres. Sporting residences met a steady trade. Stud farms were in demand, and there are still prospective buyers unsatisfied. They sold a number of business premises and good-class residential properties and disposed of all the modern houses on their books by private treaty.

Famous Dublin Shop to Move

Dublin's famous hat shop, Morgan's will move to new premises shortly. This follows the formation of a new company to carry on the business, since the death in last May of Mr. John Redmond deprived the shop of its owner and manager.

Mr. Frederick Morley and Mr. C. Fortune have secured the goodwill, and the fittings in the shop, and will shortly move to new premises. The name of J. Morgan will be retained.

Mr. Morley is a practical hatter, who has been in the service of Morgan's since 1903, and Mr. C. Fortune comes of a family of hatters; both his father and his grandfather made hats in Dublin.

Sligo Salmon-fishing Opens.—In accordance with a centuries-old custom, the first salmon netted in the Sligo fishing—which opened at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve—was presented to the Most Rev. Dr. Doorly, Bishop of Elphin. In the first cast of the nets eight fish were captured. The total catch yesterday was 42.

Good Gains in Mines

THE London Stock Exchange began the New Year with a quiet but confident tone. There were rises in several sections and the general tone was cheerful.

More interest was shown in Kaffirs, particularly the more speculative issues. Western Holdings rose 2s. 6d. to 37s. 6d., Lydenberg 1s. 10½d. to 55s., S.A. Towns 1s. 3d. to 25s., and West Wits 3s. 9d. to 9¼. W.R. Trusts put on 7½d. at 32s. 6d., and Western Reefs 1s. 3d. to 61s. 3d. Klerksdorp were 3d. firmer at 7s. 9d. Among Diamonds, De Beers were up $\frac{1}{16}$ at 18¼.

British Rails were again firm on some small buying. Great Western rose ½ to 62, L.M.S. Ord. ¼ to 33¾ and Southern Defd. ⅛ to 25¾. Attention was directed also to Argentine Rails. B.A.G.S. Ord. put on ½ to 14¾ and B.A. Western ¼ to 12¾.

Among Industrials there was good support for Cinema shares. Most prominent were Odeon, Gaumont-British and Associated British. In Tobaccos "Imps" were 7½d. better and Gallaher $\frac{1}{16}$. In other directions De La Rue rose $\frac{1}{16}$ to 8$\frac{1}{16}$, "Emmies" 6d. to 28s. 3d, Hudsons Bay 1s. at 62s. 9d., and London Brick 1s. 3d. at 65s. Internationals were good, Nickels being up $\frac{1}{16}$ at 38$\frac{1}{16}$, and Brazilian Traction ¼ higher at 26¾.

In the Oil Market a notable change was a rise of 4½d. to 10s. 10½d. in Mexican Eagle. Canadians were 1½d. firmer.

COMPANY NEWS

Crown Mines.—The strike in the 15 shaft of Crown Mines, which began on Saturday, has been called off.

Frederick Hotels.—Dividend for half-year to December 31, 1938, on the 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref. stock.

Heavy Selling of Dublin Transport Shares

DUBLIN Stock Markets started the week with a fairly busy appearance yesterday. Chief attention was paid to transport issues following the announcement of the acquisition of the Dublin United Transport Co. The tone, apart from these stocks, was firm.

There was heavy selling of both Dublin Transport Ord. and Pref., as holders felt that they were being badly treated. They were being forced to take stock in a company whose earning capacity was, as yet, a matter of conjecture without even receiving the option of taking cash for their holdings.

CANALS RISE

There is now a feeling that the Grand Canal Co. will be merged into the proposed transport scheme, and both classes of shares came into request. The Ord. soared 5s. to 105s., and the Pref. were buyers without effect at 117s.

D.U.T.C. Ord. drooped to 24s. 6d., and the Pref. relapsed 2s. to 24s. 3d., and both were still sellers when dealings finished.

Great Southern Rails junior issues came in for strong demand, as public opinion was that the prospects for these issues were now better than ever before. The good earning capacity of the Dublin Transport Co. will help to bolster up the finances of the proposed new Transport concern.

G.S.R. Ord. advanced two points to 32, and the Pref. spurted four points to 34. The Guaranteed gave way to 62¼, and the Deb. eased to 85¼.

Great Northern issues inclined higher in places; the Ord. hardened to 22$\frac{15}{16}$, and the Deb. made headway to 81½, but the Pref. shaded off to 43⅞.

Among Home Government Funds the Second National weakened to 114¼, and the Fourth Loan quoted 106½ x.d. 4 p.c. Land Bonds eased to 106¼. 3½ p.c. War Loan shaded off to 103$\frac{11}{16}$.

Banks were steady to firm, apart from Nationals, which eased to 49s. 10½d. Provincial Old and New marked pence gains. Guinness units firmed up to 124s. 6d., and Arnott Ord. soared 2s. 6d. to 103s. 9d. Carroll Pref. hardened to 28s. 9d., but Irish Times 1st Pref. dipped to 89s.

British Industrials attracted very little attention, apart from Textiles, which made a busy showing, and movements mostly favoured holders in a small way.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS — 5 p.c. Second National Loan (115), 114½; do. Deed (113⅞), 114⅜; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (107¾), 106½ x.d.; do. (under £200) (107⅝), 106¼ x.d.; 4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds (under £200) (109⅞), 110; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (116½), *116⅝, ½; do. (under £200) (116¼), 116⅜; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (106⅜), *106¼; Irish Sugar 4 p.c. Deb. (108¼), *108¼; 2½ p.c. Consols (79¾), 79¾; 3½ p.c. War Loan (103⅝), 103$\frac{11}{16}$, ⅝, $\frac{9}{16}$; do. Bank of England, 103$\frac{9}{16}$; 3 p.c. Local Loans (94¾), 94¾.

CORPORATION STOCKS—Dublin 3¼ p.c. 1963/'83 (101), *101.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (347½), 347½; National (50/-), 49/10½; Provincial Old (48/-), 48/3; do. New (48/3), 48/9.

BREWERIES—Guinness Ord. (124/1½), 124/6.

SHIPPING — Grand Canal Ord. (100/-), 105/-.

RAILS, ETC.—Great Northern Ord. (22⅞), 22$\frac{15}{16}$; do. Pref. (44), 43⅞; do. Gtd. (61), 61; do. Deb. (81), 81½; Great Southern Ord. (30), *32; do. Pref. (30), 33, *4; do. Gtd. (63), 62½; do. Deb. (85¾), 85½; Dublin Transport Ord. (25/-), 24/6, 4/6; do. Pref. (26/3), 24/6, 4/3.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Alliance Gas Ord. (21/7½), 21/6, 1/7½; do. Deb. (101½), *102; Arnott Ord. (101/3), *103/9; Carroll Pref. (28/6), *28/9; Irish Times 1st Pref. (89/6), 89/-; Martin (T. and C.) Ord. (52/6), 52/6.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS—Bleachers (10/7½), 10/10½; do. Pref., 18/4½; Coats (J. and P.) (47/-), *47/3; Courtaulds (53/4½), 53/4½; Carreras "A," 6$\frac{15}{16}$; Vickers (17/6), 17/10½.

OTHER EXCHANGES

MANCHESTER. — Bleachers 10/10½, Dyers 22/3, "Slubbers" 6/1½, Calico 16/7½, Coats 43/7½, Courtaulds 43/-, Dunlop 39/10½, Cotton 32/9, Velvet 10/6, Spinners 22/4½, Turner and Newall 78/6, Wall Paper Defd. 40/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors still good, Alvis, Enfields and Raleighs higher. Brockhouse buoyant at 66/9. Tubes rose to 91/9. Alvis 6/-, Austin "A" 26/4½, Dennis 24/6, Dunlops 40/-, Enfield 26/-, Ford 33/3, Guy 2/7½, Humber 21/-, Leyland 74/-, Lea Francis 3/10½, Lucas 73/6, Morris 40/6, ex dividend; Raleigh 76/-, Rolls 105/-, Rover 28/6, Standard 26/7½, Triplex 37/4½.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Monday.—The Stock Exchange opened firm, but quiet. Scattered favourites advanced modestly, but slipped latterly, and fractional irregularity predominated towards the close. A few soft spots were evident, and the market finished irregular.

The turnover of 317,000 shares comprised 780 issues, of which 262 advanced, 312 declined and 206 remained unchanged.—(Reuter.)

WOOL

BRADFORD. — Business recently placed in weaving and hosiery yarns has left spinners with as many orders on their books as they can cope with. Owing to difficulties with regard to reduced staffs, spinners are more cautious about promising deliveries. Prices very firm with hardening tendency.

Cork Harbour Board.—"We are still carrying on with a full working staff, despite all difficulties," said Mr. T. O'Shea, chairman, extending new year greetings at Cork Harbour Board yesterday.

First Bank Dividend

FROM OUR LONDON FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.

MARTIN'S BANK is again the first of the clearing banks to make its final dividend announcement. It is again 7½ p.c., which makes 15 p.c. for the sixth year in succession. This bank, which has been expanded chiefly by amalgamations in the North of England, has a paid-up capital of £4,160,042, of which £2,348,890 is in £20 shares, with £2 10s. paid up, and £1,811,152 in £1 shares fully-paid. The £2 10s. paid shares are quoted at 9⅞ and the £1 shares at 86s. The yield offered by the £1 shares on the basis of the 15 p.c. dividend is £3 9s. 9d. p.c. The partly-paid shares give the higher yield of about 4 p.c.

A rise of 1/9 to 67/6 was marked yesterday in the £1 units of J. Brockhouse and Co. A few weeks ago, when the shares went ex the final dividend of 12½ p.c., the quotation was only 62/-. The improvement in the price was stimulated by the favourable impression created by the chairman's speech at the recent annual meeting, when he referred to the wide range of products supplied by the company and its subsidiaries. Their success he said, was largely due to the multiplicity of articles they produced and the variety of markets they were enabled to seek. On the 20 p.c. dividend paid for each of the past five years the yield at the present price is the substantial one of £5 18/6 p.c. The highest price touched for the shares in 1943 was 71/9.

WINE MERCHANTS

Henckey's, Ltd., established as far back as 1700, is one of the most popular of London's wine and spirit concerns. Its dividends of 15 p.c. have been regularly paid, with occasional bonuses. Last year, for instance, profits rose, despite higher taxation provisions, by £3,970, and a bonus of 2 p.c. was added to the 15 p.c. dividend. The full accounts show that, against the issued capital of £280,000, there are reserves totalling £212,869, while current assets at £240,926 compare with current liabilities at £78,129. The chairman says that prospects for the future are satisfactory, providing the question of supplies does not become more acute. Already severe rationing of customers had had to be introduced. The 5/- Ord. stock units are quoted at 15/9 x.d., at which they offer a yield of £4 15/11 p.c.

ARREARS PAID OFF

Interesting speculative possibilities attach to the 1/- Ordinary shares of Crystalate, Ltd., now obtainable at about 1/3. The company makes crystalate billiard balls and plastic mouldings, and has had an unfortunate experience. It was registered in 1928, and between 1929 and 1933 paid dividends ranging from 12½ to 40 p.c. on its Ord. capital. Since then there has been no dividend, and the 8 p.c. Pref. dividend fell into arrears.

In the two past years there has been a decided recovery. In the two years to September last six years of Pref. dividends were paid off, and now it is announced that a further one year's payment is to be made, bringing the position up to January 31st, 1944.

It is true that the balance sheet shows an assets deficiency account of £173,822, but the directors have promised a capital reorganisation scheme for the current year. This will no doubt, involve some reduction in the total of Ordinary capital, now £225,000, but if the earning power continues to improve any such reduction will be counterbalanced by the larger sum available for dividends.

FOOD MARKETS

DUBLIN FISH—Lobsters 40/- per 13, soles 2/3 to 5/6, turbot 1/3 to 2/6, brill 2/-, halibut 2/11 per lb., and whiting 37/6 to 50/- box.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE—Small supplies met a quiet demand at—Savoy cabbage 15/- to 18/- small load, swedes 3/6 to 5/- per cwt., parsnips 5/- to 6/-, carrots 6/- to 10/- bag, and parsley 1/- chip.

DUBLIN POTATO—Fair supplies with sales steady at—Epicure Abundance, Dates and Kerr's Pinks 10/-, and Banners 9/- per cwt., ex store.

GRIMSBY FISH—Haddocks, sprags, codling, coalfish, catfish, dogfish and cod 6/3 (with heads on); lemon soles, plaice and dabs 15/6, smoked haddocks 15/-, smoked codlings 15/- per stone.

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LONDON CLOSING PRICES

BRITISH FUNDS

Consols 2½%	79½	79½		3½% Conversion	104$\frac{13}{16}$	105$\frac{1}{16}$	
Do. 4%	108$\frac{9}{16}$	109$\frac{11}{16}$	+$\frac{1}{16}$	5% Conversion	101⅞	102⅜	
3½% War Loan	103⅝	103¾		2¾% Land	89½	90½	
3% War Loan	109$\frac{9}{16}$	109$\frac{11}{16}$	+$\frac{1}{16}$	I.F.S. 4½% Land	115½	117½	
Funding Loan	113⅜	113⅝		Local Loans	94⅜	94⅝	+$\frac{1}{16}$
Victory Bonds	113	114		Nat. Def. 2½%	101	102	
3% Conversion	103⅛	103⅞					

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS

Brazil 20-Yr. A	70½	
Do. 40-Yr. B	56½	−1
Gt. Western	62	+¼
L.M.S. Ord.	33¼	+⅛
Do. 4% Pref.	77	
Do. 5% Rd P.	102½	
Do. 4% Pf. '23	62½	
L.N.E. Pf. Ord.	10⅜	
Do. Def.	5	
Do. 1st Pref.	61½	
Do. 2nd Pref	24½	
Sth. Pref. Ord.	76	
Sth. Def. Ord.	25¾	+⅛
Do. 5% Pref.	116	
Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	60	+½
B.A. Gt. Sth.	14¾	+½
Do. 4% Deb.	62	+½
B.A. and Pac. 4½ Deb.	60	
Do. Con 4½% Deb.	58	+½
B.A. & Western	12¾	+½
Do. 4% Deb.	57	+1
Canadian Pac.	18[illegible]	−[illegible]
C. Arg. 4% Deb.	56½	+1
Do. 5% Deb. 1957-87	50½	+½
Bank of Eng.	365½	
Barclay A	58/6	
Hong Kong & Shanghai	82½	
Lloyds	60/6	
Midland	10$\frac{1}{16}$	
Westminster	70/0	
Do. £4 £1 pd	91/0	

OILS—RUBBERS.

Anglo-Iranian	115/0	
Attock	38/9	
Burmah	79/4½	
Can. Eagle	12/1½	+0/1½
Mex. Eagle	10/10½	+0/4½
Shell	78/9	
Trin. Lease	87/6	
Do. Pet. Dev.	77/6	+2/6
Anglo-Dutch	15/6	+0/3
Anglo-Malay	6/7	
Highlands	17/0	
Kuala Lumpur	16/3	
Malacca	11/0	
Malayalam	23/6	
Rubber Trust	18/3	+0/3
U. Sua Betong	27/6	+0/6
Utd. Sendang	1/3½	

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Bonus ‡ Ex Rights

INDUSTRIALS.

Austin (5/-)	26/6	+0/3
Assoc. Cement	68/0	
Babcock & W.	48/6	
Brown (J.)	25/10½	
B.S.A.	22/9	
Bleachers	11/0	
Brad. Dyers	22/0	
Braz. Trac.	26⅞	+¼
Brit. Celanese	29/0	−0/1½
Brit. Match	39/0	
B.A. Tobacco	106/3	
Beechams Def.	17/9	
Boots Drug	41/3	
Brit. Alum.	47/6	
Brit. Oxygen	80/0	
Brit. Pletr. Bd.	28/7½	+0/4½
Br. P. Cement	82/6	
Bass	167/6	
Brit. Insulated	107/6	
Coast Lines	14/9	
Cab. & W. Ord.	77¼	
Calico Print	16/6	
Coats	47/4½	
Cory, Wm.	61/0	
Clan Line	5	
Cunard	24/1½	+0/1½
Courtaulds	53/0	
Carreras B.	17/3	
De La Rue	8$\frac{1}{16}$	+$\frac{1}{16}$
Dorman L.	29/0	+0/3
Dunlop	40/0	
Distillers	88/6	
Elec. & Mus.	28/3	+0/6
English Cotton	33/1½	
Ever Ready	89/0	+0/6
Ford	33/9	
Fine Spinners	23/3	
Gallaher	6¾	+$\frac{1}{16}$
Guinness	124/6	
Gen. Elec.	89/3	
Harrods	58/6	
Hudson's Bay	62/9	+1/0
Hawker Sid.	17/1½	−0/1½
Harland & W.	18/3	
Imp. Tobacco	7⅞	+$\frac{1}{32}$
Imp. Chemical	38/0	
Int. Nickel	38$\frac{11}{16}$	+$\frac{1}{16}$
Leyland	74/0	
Lever	35/6	
Lever N.V.	38/3	
London Brick	65/0	+1/3
Morris	41/0*	
Murex	100/0	
Marks & S.	54/3	
Pressed Steel	25/0	
P. & O. Def	34/6	+0/6
Raleigh	75/10½*	
Rolls Royce	105/0	
Siemens	80/4	

INDUSTRIALS (Contd.)

Stewart & L.	52/6	
Sudan Plants.	42/0	
Thomas (R.)	10/0	+0/1½
Tob. Secs. T.	71/3	
Tate & Lyle	67/9	
Triplex	37/6	+0/6
Tube Invest.	91/6	
Turner & N.	78/6	+0/7½
United Steel	24/6	
United South	78/1½	
Utd. Molasses	30/10½	
Vickers	17/6	
Wall Paper Di	39/9	
White Tomkin	42/6	
Watney Def	79/3	
Woolworth	58/0	+0/3

MINES.

Ang. Am. Inv.	51/3	
Ashanti	57/0	
Bibiani	26/6	
Blyvoor	61/3	
Brakpan	24/4½	+0/4½
Chartered	27/9	
Cons. Diam'd	37/9	
Cons. Afr. Sel.	22/6	
Cons. G.F.	66/3	
Crown	8	
Daggafontein	42/6	−1/3
De Beers	18¼	+$\frac{1}{16}$
Durban Deep	70/0	
East Dagga.	46/3	
East Geduld.	6⅞	−⅛
E. Rand Prop.	40/0	−0/4½
Geduld	7¾	
Govt. Areas	40/0	
J'burg Cons.	60/0	
Langlaagte	5/3	
Libanon	19/6	
Luipaards	19/6*	
Marievale	29/0	+0/6
Vlge. Gold.	50/0	
Roan	11/6	−0/6
Rhod. Ang. A.	19/0	−0/6
Rhodesian Sel.	18/6	−0/9
Rhokana	7⅞	−⅛
Rio Tinto	17	
Simmer & J.	11/0	
Springs	17/6	
S.A. Land	75/0	+1/3
Venterspost	33/9*	
Vereeniging	61/6	
Victoria Falls	36/3	
Vlakfontein	30/0	
Vogelstruis	29/1½	
West Holdings	37/6	+2/6
West Reefs	61/3	+1/3
West Springs	27/6	
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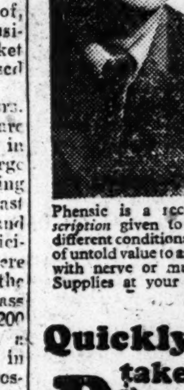

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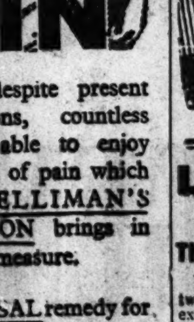

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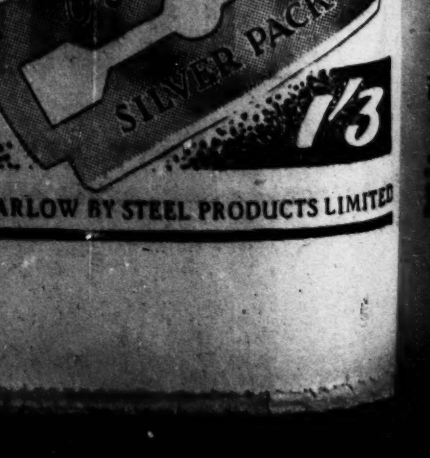

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On and after Sunday next, January 9th, programmes will be changed on Sunday, Monday and Thursday.

CORINTHIAN.
TO-DAY AT 2.36, 4.54, 7.12, 9.30.
Ruth Warrick and Walter Reed, "PETTICOAT LARCENY." Tim Holt and Ray Whitley, "THE FARGO KID."

ASTORIA DUN LAOGHAIRE. At 4.25, 6.50, 9.20.
Johnny Weissmuller, Maureen O'Sullivan, "TARZAN'S NEW YORK ADVENTURE." Also Frank Albertson in "THE MAN FROM HEADQUARTERS."

GRAND CENTRAL.
3.25, 5.30, 7.35, 9.40.
"WOMEN MEN MARRY."
George Murphy. Also The Ritz Bros. in "ARGENTINE NIGHTS."
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GREEN—3.40, 6.15, 9 o'c.—GEO MURPHY, LUCILLE BALL: "NAVY STEPS OUT." Also LOUIS HAYWARD: "SAINT IN NEW YORK."

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REGAL ROOMS CINEMA. At 2.36, 4.45, 6.54, 9.3.
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Will Hay, Claude Hulbert, "MY LEARNED FRIEND."

ADELPHI Showing at 2.19, 4.32, 6.45 & 8.58.
ANOTHER RECORD BREAKER. ERROL FLYNN: ALEXIS SMITH, in "GENTLEMAN JIM."

PAVILION DUN LAOGHAIRE. Con. 3.0 to 10.30 p.m.
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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors of the National Bank, Limited, will be held at No. 13 Old Broad street, London, E.C.2, on Thursday, the 27th January, 1944, at twelve noon of that day.

At this Meeting the Directors will submit their Report and Balance Sheet for the half-year to 31st December, 1943, and pursuant to Clause 107 of the Articles of Association, three of the present Directors—viz., Sir George F. Murphy, Bt., Capt. the Hon. H. E. Fitzalan-Howard and Edward H. Walpole, Esq.—will go out of office by rotation, and, being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act, 1929, Auditors will be appointed to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company and Messrs. Stokes Bros. and Pim Chartered Accountants, the present Auditors, who are eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
M. H. HEFFERNAN, Joint Secretary.

N.B.—The Books of the Bank for the registration of Transfer Deeds (both in London and Dublin) will be closed on Monday, 10th day of January, 1944, and will so remain until after Saturday, the 22nd day of the same month.

JOINT COMMITTEE, GRANGEGORMAN DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL.

NOTICE OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

The Dublin Assistant City and County Manager hereby gives notice that the estimate of expenses of the Joint Committee of Grangegorman District Mental Hospital for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, showing the amounts which in the opinion of the Manager will be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Joint Committee has been prepared and will be considered by the Joint Committee at the estimates meeting to be held on the 13th day of January, 1944.

A copy of the said estimate of expenses has been deposited in the offices of the Joint Committee at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, N.W.5., and may be there inspected free of charge by any member of the public at any time at which such offices are open for the transaction of official business.

The Manager will supply to every person making application to him therefor a copy of the said estimate of expenses at the price of one shilling.

(Signed) TIMOTHY O'MAHONY, Dublin Assistant City and County Manager.
4th January, 1944.

THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1908-1917. In the Matter of IRISH HOTHOUSE PRODUCTS, LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation). Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 188 of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. William C. Ribbeck & Co., at 4 o'clock p.m. on the 12th January, 1944. Notice is also hereby given that the Creditors of the Company are required, on or before the 12th day of January, 1944, to send in their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Liquidator of the Company, and if so required by notice in writing from him are to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 3rd day of January, 1944. Name: ALEXANDER I. FRASER, Liquidator. Address: 1/2 Foster Place, Dublin. NOTE: This Notice is inserted to comply with the Statutes. All Creditors have been or will be paid in full.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION. POSITION VACANT: TOWN CLERK TO THE GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS, CO. WEXFORD.

Application forms for and particulars of the above-named (part-time) post may be obtained from the Secretary of the Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin. SALARY: £40 a year inclusive. MINIMUM AGE LIMIT: 21 years on 1st September, 1943.

LATEST TIME FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS: 5.15 P.M. ON 25th JANUARY, 1944.
C9052 W.H.Co.

EMERGENCY POWERS (KEROSENE RATIONING) ORDER, 1943.
PARAFFIN OIL FOR DOMESTIC USE.
The Minister for Supplies announces that the ration of paraffin oil for domestic use in January, 1944, will be one gallon for each registered kerosene customer.
JOHN LEYDON, Secretary, Department of Supplies, Dublin.
3rd January, 1944.
C9052. W.H.Co.

FOR GOVERNMENT NOTICE SEE PAGE 4.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

ST. MARGARET'S HALL, MESPIL AND BURLINGTON ROADS.
Principal: Miss Elizabeth G. Purdon, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Girls prepared Intermediate and Leaving Certificate, Oxford, Local and University Scholarship examinations.
Junior Department for Girls and Junior Boys under fully-trained Froebel Mistress.
NEXT TERM BEGINS JAN. 11th (Boarders returning previous evening).
Parents may be interviewed on Monday, 10th, 10.30—1 p.m., or by appointment.
Buses 9, 10, 11, 13, 18 pass ends road.

LEGAL NOTICES.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO CREDITORS. MICHAEL J. KEELEY, late of 618 Clonard road, Kimmage, Dublin, Carpenter, Deceased.
All persons having claims against the estate of the above Deceased, who died on the 28th December, 1943, are requested to send particulars of same (in writing) forthwith to William J. Keary, Solicitor, 19 and 20 Fleet street, Dublin.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Death from Burns.—James Currin, farmer, Drummany, Killeshandra, died from burns which he received by falling into the fire.

Centenarian's Death.—Mr. James Charles Ball, 80 St. Lawrence road, Clontarf, died yesterday at the age of 102 years.

Belfast Education Estimates.—The Belfast Administration approved the estimates of the Education Committee, which show an increase of £23,178 over the current year.

Campaign Against Foxes.—Westmeath Agricultural Committee have adopted a scheme whereby 5/- will be paid for a dead fox and 2/6 for a cub, £50 being allocated for the scheme up to March 31.

Fine of £25.—Thomas Kelly, merchant, Garvaghey, Ballygawley, was at Omagh, yesterday, fined £25 for harbouring 6,760 razor blades, 66 dozen shoe laces, seven glasses of whiskey and 20 packets of cigarettes.

Noted Wexford Farmer.—Mr. John D'Eathe, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, who has died at the age of 95, was a progressive farmer and noted horseman and polo player. He was one of the founders of Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society.

Garda Sergeant's Death.—Sergeant D. J. Keeshan, of 23a Bloomfield avenue, South Circular road, Dublin whose death is announced was for many years band sergeant of the D.M.P. band, and later band sergeant of the Garda ceilidhe band attached to the Dépôt.

Soldier Takes to Sea.—An 18-year-old soldier, Pte. John T. Bennett, who boarded a launch in Lough Neagh, "hoping to reach the open sea and get to England," was charged at Belfast Quarter Sessions yesterday with the larceny of the launch. He was given the benefit of the Probation Act.

Woman Killed by Train.—Miss Catherine Williamson, of Chester Moore, Cumberland, who went to Derry only a week ago, died in the City and County Hospital, Derry, last night, following injuries received when struck by the L.M.S. train while crossing the line in the darkness yesterday morning.

Portrane Function.—The Rev. Henry Hutchings, Rector of Donabate, was entertained and presented with a wallet of notes by Portrane Mental Hospital staff, on the occasion of his transfer to Malahide. Mrs. Hutchings also received a valuable gift. The presentation was made by Dr. S. Blake R.M.S., on behalf of the subscribers.

Had Married at 14.—Agnes Eileen Johnston, whose address was given as Trow Lane, Larne, who pleaded guilty at Belfast Quarter Sessions yesterday to a charge of bigamously marrying a soldier, Lewis A. Wycherley, was stated to have been married when 14, and to have been deserted almost immediately by her husband. She was given the benefit of the Probation of Offenders Act.

Theft of Wearing Apparel.—James Murphy (27), cab owner, Emerald place, was remanded for a week, in custody, by District Justice Hannan, in Dublin yesterday, charged with conspiring with others to break into, and with breaking into, Messrs. Beirne and O'Neill's, Upper O'Connell street, and stealing overcoats, sports coats, and other wearing apparel to the value of £121. He was also charged with illegal possession and receiving.

MOST REV. DR. GRIFFIN

Dr. Bernard Griffin, Catholic Archbishop-designate of Westminster, arrived in London yesterday from Birmingham. He will be enthroned on January 18th.

RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT

Sir John Maffey, British Representative in Ireland, was received by the President yesterday.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.40	9.40
Sets	5.20	5.21
Lighting-up-Time	5.50	5.51

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	7.33	8.43
Evening	7.54	9. 8

AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Ballina	1.46	2. 7
Cork	—	1.13
Cobh	—	1.10
Drogheda	7.21	7.42
Dundalk	7.18	7.39
Galway	—	1.14
Kilkee	12.16	12.44
Kinsale	—	1. 0
Limerick	2.16	2.44
Westport	1.26	1.47

The Irish Times

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1944.

When?

The war of nerves is at its peak. It is beyond all doubt that the British and Americans are ready—or are preparing with all possible speed—for a major assault upon the European continent in the near future; but nobody can predict how soon it will take place or where it will take place. There are two schools of thought. One is that the "second front" will be opened at any minute, in order that it may synchronise with the great Russian thrust along the eastern front. In another two months the snows of the Russian winter will have begun to melt, and the ground will be unsuitable for campaigning by the armies of either Power. Clearly, say some people, the moment for an Anglo-American blow is now, while the Russian offensive still is fast and heavy enough to contain a huge number of German divisions. The other school of thought believes that the western Allies ought to, and will, postpone their attack until the early summer, doing everything in their power meanwhile to "soften" the German resistance by continuous and severe bombing of the great towns and other centres of production. It argues that an immediate and devastating success cannot be expected from the opening of a second front, that progress conceivably will be slow, and that it would be wiser to wait until the Russians can be certain of campaigning weather for the best part of a year. The only people who are in a position to tell are the Allied commanders, and they prefer to keep their counsel. All of them have admitted that the offensive will begin this year, but none—for manifest reasons—is willing to satisfy the curiosity of the world. As for the Germans, they are taking no chances. Their official News Agency reports that an unspecified number of seasoned divisions has been transferred from the Russian theatre of war, that the waters have been newly mined, and that all possible precautions have been completed against landings, however soon they may occur. Neutral correspondents—particularly in Sweden and Turkey—profess themselves certain that the trial of strength will come sooner rather than later; Ankara Radio, indeed, says that the Germans believe it probable within th next ten days. Whatever the moment may be, the plan itself is known to be prepared. It was presented some days ago by General Eisenhower, who has been placed in supreme command of the American and British forces designed for the invasion of Europe, and Air Chief Marshal Tedder, General Eisenhower's deputy. That news—not to mention the fact of the appointments, as announced at Christmas—has done much to create an impression that the blow will not be delayed for any length of time. Certainly, an early start is expected by the people of Great Britain—although four years of the discipline of war has persuaded them that their hopes must not be allowed to overrun the demands of military necessity. There is good reason to assume that continental Europe is, as the Germans describe it, a fortress. They are—in military matters above all—a thorough-going people; and the invasion of the continent will be an action of such magnitude as to dwarf any movement in military history. If the Anglo-American Allies should embark on it before their preparations were made to the last, meticulous degree, the result could be a prolongation of the war for, perhaps, an indefinite period. After so long, however, who can believe that any contingency which may be foreseen will have been left without consideration?

Air versus Rail

In a recent interview the chief engineer of an American aircraft company predicted that immediately after the end of the war coast-to-coast transportation of air travell... would be carried out at a rate of three cents a mile. He suggested that two years after the return of peace the rate for passenger traffic might sink to as little as two cents a mile. A new type of passenger 'plane is at present being designed, and engineers expect it t have a cruising speed of 200 miles an hour, and to be capable of carrying about 100 persons. When this 'plane comes into being, it ought to be possible to travel from the Atlantic coast to California in sixteen hours. If one may equate the cent to one halfpenny of our currency—which it was once, and may be again—crossing the North American continent from coast to coast may cost the individual passenger considerably less than £20. This new air service, if realised, seems likely to become a serious menace to American railroads. What business man is going to spend many days crossing the continent in a train when, at a very reasonable rate, he can cover the ground by 'plane in as short a time as 16 hours? If it were possible to travel by air from Dublin to London in two hours for rather less than £2, it seems obvious that the combined rail and steamer service, which takes over eight hours and costs a good deal more than £2, would suffer acutely. Yet, on a correspondingly larger scale, this financial reduction is no more startling than that foreseen by the American chief engineer whose prophecies we have quoted. It seems unlikely that railways will disappear in this century; not until a generation that never has travelled by train makes its appearance will the conservative impression that air transport is unsafe vanish completely. That the railways very soon will suffer considerable financial loss seems, however, certain. When time is valuable, to travel by air is obviously expedient, but, when the only object in travel is to broaden one's outlook or to gain an impression of a foreign country, a railway journey is more likely to suit the traveller. Air transport is one of the most invaluable servants of our century, but it would be a mistake to allow it to become an opiate for the imagination.

A Curious Gift

The latest gift from America to Britain, says the London Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, is a collection of a hundred fleas. The donor is Dr. C. A. Hubbard, of Pacific University; the recipient of the gift is Dr. Karl Jordan, who has built up for the Natural History Museum "one of the greatest flea collections in the world." It seems that the insects which constitute the gift are a particularly virulent species of this wholly detestable genus; for it is reported that in the western States of America, from which they are collected, the early settlers found the fleas among the most vicious of the pests. This is an aspect of pioneering which is given little publicity by the film companies. They show the heavy waggons lumbering along the trails, the rapid formation of the defensive circle as the alarm is given, the wife and the flaxen-haired child huddling together under the white canopy of the "prairie schooner," the hard-bitten pioneer squinting along his gun barrel, and the tears and parting kisses as the technicolour braves circle for the kill: never does the director slip in the extra, authentic little gesture—the clawing of the pioneer's nails at the back of the neck, where the western American flea is delivering his own little *blitzkreig*. In passing, the matter raises an interesting speculation. Might not the old Red Indian custom of scalping have had its origin as a prophylactic measure? However that may be, a gift of fleas is the last thing which the ordinary citizen would desire to receive as a Christmas present. The thought behind it may be what counts most; but who would believe that the sender of such a gift was not ironical in his bestowal of wishes for a happy Christmas? Dr. Jordan, however, is said to be thoroughly pleased with his new acquisition. Perhaps his reactions are influenced somewhat by the fact that all the fleas are affixed safely to microscopic slides.

MR. F. B. BARTON has returned to Straffan House, County Kildare, from England.

Miss Norah MacGuinness has left Dublin for Northern Ireland.

Miss de la Poer Monsell has returned to Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Loftus, who have arrived in Dublin from London, will leave shortly for Mount Loftus, County Kilkenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bryan have arrived in Dublin from Shercock, County Cavan.

Mrs. Cooke-Collis is staying in Dublin.

The engagement is announced between C. Campbell Ingram, son of the late W. and Mrs. Ingram, Hollybank avenue, Sandford road, and Hazel, daughter of the late R. W. and Mrs. Smith, Avondale, Merlyn Park, Ballsbridge.

The engagement is announced between Cyril, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tattersall, Thorncroft, Yeadon, Yorkshire, and Patricia (Paddy), younger daughter of Mr. Andrew Fleming and the late Mrs. Fleming, Merrion road, Dublin.

The engagement is announced between Roderick Lindsay, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Webster, Nottingham, and Esther Martha, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smythe, 82 Botanic road, Dublin.

Miss Boland, S.R.N., has returned to 41 Lower Leeson street.

Engineers' and Architects' Annual Faculty Dance will be held in Gresham Hotel, January 18th. Tables reservable from to-day.

Delightful Lingerie, in a profusion of styles and shades, is to be seen in the Ladies' Outfitting Dept. at Switzers . . . dainty garments in the loveliest Silks, Satins, Chiffons, etc., and very reasonable in price.

At Kelletts—Special feature of this week is the variety of Infants' Christening Robes and Baby Linen. The House for Baby's Layettes—D. Kellett, Ltd., George's street.

The finest quality materials combined with an expert cut and finish make Davis Tweed Coats distinctive. Smart, stylish and warm, they're ideal for now.—Davis and Co., 46 Grafton street, Dublin.

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle Wear. — Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

Original Paintings by Irish Artists —The Combridge Galleries.

At Slyne's Sale, Navy Woollen 2-piece, trimmed rose, with full length coat; price 7½ gns.—71 Grafton st.

Better value for your coupons—shoes that look well and last longer; at Stephens & Bourke.

C. W. Vanston, Photographer, 17 Bushy Park road, Rathgar. Weddings and all social events attended.

Excellent value in Ladies' Coats and Costumes, made of good wearing quality cloths in the newest shades. Exclusive styles.—Tarlo's, 82 Dame street.

Weddings—Modern Cars, with liveried Chauffeurs.—Murray, 73 Mespil Road, 'Phone 62005.

Wreaths and Bouquets. "Polly," Rathmines. Tel. 92664. Day and Night.

Sharpley's, Specialists Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List—2 Nassau street, Dublin.

MR. ROOSEVELT IMPROVING

The condition of President Roosevelt, who has been suffering from a cold, has definitely improved.

Mr. Stephen Early, White House Secretary, said it is uncertain whether the President's condition will permit him to deliver in person next week his Message to Congress on the state of the Union.—(Reuter.)

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—10, Matins. 4, Evensong.
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—10.45, Matins. 3, Evensong.
ST. ANN'S, Dawson St.—10, Matins.
WORLD'S EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—Universal Week of Prayer. 3.30 p.m., Donore Presbyterian Church. 8 p.m., Greystones Presbyterian Church; St. Paul's Church, Bray; Dolphin's Barn Methodist Church; Dun Laoghaire Presbyterian Church.

The German News Agency said last night: 11,813 persons were killed in Paris by Allied raids between October, 1941, and December, 1943.—(Reuter.)

DUBLIN THEATRES

Capitol.—The re-make in technicolour of the 18 years' old "Phantom of the Opera," with Nelson Eddy and Claude Rains in the lead, is setting up box-office records in the Capitol. It is retained this week, with the smart stage show, "Snowflakes," embracing several items which have been seen before, and a number of new songs and dances.

Peacock.—Parents seeking an alternative to pantomime as Christmas entertainment for their children should try P. P. Maguire's production of "Emil and the Detectives" at the Peacock Theatre. It offers a story, full of incident, of the attempt of a London boys' gang to track down an adult robber. The juvenile cast includes Robert Burke, Tedy Lucas, Milo O'Shea, Ronald Walsh and Sylvia Buchanan, and the adults include Marjorie Williams, Alec Andrews, George Greene, Florence Lynch, Evelyn MacNeice and Kevin Young.

Abbey.—The Abbey Theatre presents St. John Ervine's well-tried "Friends and Relations," a comedy of a will and many grasping hopefuls. F. J. McCormick is superb as the tippling Edward Scantlebury. Even while he has nothing to say his expression and gestures remain perfectly in character. Eileen Crowe almost improves upon a Maureen Delany part as Aunt Essie; Eithne Dunne is pretty, intelligent and self-possessed as the heiress; the others, without apparent effort, maintain a level of playing that is, without exaggeration, near perfection.

DUBLIN PANTOMIMES

Gaiety.—With a number of completely new scenes and a general tightening-up, "Robinson Crusoe" is now more like the Christmas pantomime which young and old like. Jimmy O'Dea, of course, is the high-light of the show, but he has a fine team aiding him in the fun-making.

Queen's.—"Dick Whittington and His Cat" have established themselves as favourites with the big audiences which have already seen this jolly production. Peggy Dell is as attractive as ever at the head of a good cast.

Olympia.—The Great Benyon, with his bewildering act, "The Chinese Decapitation," is the outstanding feature of "Yuletide Express," which, judging by its reception last night, is in for a good run.

Father Mathew Hall.—In spite of the fact that "Robinson Crusoe" is being performed at two theatres in Dublin, the show at the Father Mathew Hall is as good as the very efficient pantomimes usually are here. This year the players repeat their success of previous years, and are drawing crowded houses.

Bernadette Hall.—"Sean and the Wheatstalk," at the Bernadette Hall, Rathmines, is a well-produced adaptation of the old story, and provides plenty of opportunity for all the well-known characters of pantomime.

St. Francis Xavier's Hall.—Yet another week of holiday entertainment has started at St. Francis Xavier's Hall, Upper Sherrard street, where "Old King Cole" still draws appreciative audiences. Music, song, dances and comedy are blended to provide excellent pantomime.

Gate Theatre.—"Caoine Nua Gaelach," one of the sketches in "Masquerade," the pantomime at the Gate Theatre, has been removed from the programme and a Spanish dance, executed by Donato Forte, substituted. "Caoine Nua Gaelach" dealt with the revival of the Irish language.

INDUSTRIAL USES OF PEAT

That peat had failed as a source of fuel, but could be used in various industrial ways, was stated in a paper on "Highmoor Peats," read by Mr. M. G. Dee, at a meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers in Dublin last night. Mr. Dee said that the cost of peat as a fuel, reckoned in calories, was enormous in comparison with coal and other fuels. This was due to the high moisture content of peat. Much of the heating capacity of peat was lost in boiler grates and coal-burning ranges because of the escape of unburned gases.

The most advantageous use of the peat deposits would be to manufacture gas and charcoal at the bogs, with maximum recovery of by-products, the gas to be used in gas engines to supply electricity to rural areas or to work charcoal and peat-briquetting machines or tar distillation plants. Any successful plant of this kind would have to make full use of the by-products to produce a successful competitive fuel for domestic use.

Peat could be used for several industrial undertakings. Its resistance to mildew made it fairly suitable for making thermal insulation slabs, if certain precautions were taken. Low-grade carbon black could be obtained in peat carbonisation; while in the U.S.A. peat was used extensively for making soil composts for agricultural operations.

AID FOR T.B. SUFFERERS

A motion by Alderman A. Byrne, T.D., was adopted by Dublin Corporation last night, requesting the City Manager to inform tuberculosis sufferers, through newspaper advertising, that the Government and the Corporation had approved of proposals for the provision in their homes and in sanatoria of beds and bedding, milk, butter, eggs, clothing and footwear, where necessary; and when they would be available.

Proposing a motion, which was adopted, requesting the City Manager to open fuel *dépôts* from which suppliers could secure the requirements of their customers within a reasonable distance from their homes, Alderman Byrne said that at the moment the citizens were being treated shamefully by being given wet turf and turf mould. They had, he added, 9,000 tons of wood in stock and he thought that a couple of tons of it could have been released during Christmas.

A motion was passed requesting the City Manager and the County Commissioner not to turn off public lighting at the seaside resorts during the summer and autumn this year.

Messrs. Belton, A. Clarkin, Dockrell, Dr. Hannigan, Mr. J. Larkin (sen.) and Senator D. Healy were appointed representatives on the Dublin Port and Docks Board for the three years to end January, 1947.

FIGHTING IN YUGO-SLAVIA

Some of Marshal Tito's forces are engaged in bitter fighting in the streets of Banjaluka, garrison town and headquarters in Yugo-Slavia of the Second German Tank Army. On New Year's Eve the partisan troops stormed their way into half the city, capital of Western Bosnia, yesterday's communiqué from the Yugo-Slav Army of Liberty reported.

Another German garrison is bottled up in Novo Mesto, Slovenian town about 18 miles from the border of Italian Istria.

German Radio last night stated that German military forces in Serbia are under the command of Air Marshal Felber.—(Reuter.)

FINE GAEL ARD FHEIS

Fine Gael annual Ard Fheis has been fixed for Wednesday, January 26th. A reception will be held in the evening.

CRUISKEEN LAWN

By Myles na gCopaleen

It is always surprising to see in the street somebody whom one thought was away in America making big money. One takes the earliest opportunity of asking somebody else why our friend is back. The thing happened myself there over the Christmas. Asked somebody why. Mmmmm, bad business, most unfortunate. But I had been friendly with this returned exile and sent him a little Christmas gift, a wad of blotting paper and an ink eraser. Seems he had blotted his copy book. Put my foot in it, of course—should have bought him a new one.

A Memoir of Keats

Chapman once took to sheep farming, renting a large mountain for the purpose. Soon he had a herd of about 500 sheep at pasture on it. After a time he began to suspect that local people were stealing the sheep and selling them at distant fares. He then tried to brand the sheep so that they could be recognised but the sheep were wild and he failed to catch any save one, a lame and diseased specimen. This he let go again and went to Keats for advice. Keats advised that several scratching posts should be erected in various parts of the bare mountain and that the posts should be coated with a perpetually moist sort of paint which he himself promised to prepare. The sheep would thus brand themselves within a week.

Chapman was pleased with this ingenious scheme and adopted it immediately. Soon he had the posts erected and very shortly afterwards any of the sheep that came in view were observed to be generously marked with red paint. The thieves were evidently foiled and Chapman was loud in his praise of the poet.

But one day the pair were at a local fare and Chapman was surprised to see the lame sheep he had once caught offered for sale by a very shifty-eyed character. The beast was unmarked.

"I know for a fact that that beast is mine," Chapman said to Keats, "but it's hardly worth raising a row about it as it is diseased and deformed and out of place in my thoroughbred flock."

"It didn't come up to scratch," Keats said.

Research Bureau

Discoveries great and small continue to be made by this extraordinary organisation. It was established the other day, for instance, that there is no truth whatever in the idea that whereas you can bring a horse to water, you cannot make him drink. *You can make him drink*. The thing is quite simple really. You work him hard for three days and give him no drink at all. They you bring to water. He drinks. He *has* to drink. You see, he's suffering severely from thirst.

But far more important is the invention that will revolutionise the affairs alike of the public and of local authorities. An automatic ratepayer. The thing can be fitted to a small hallstand and will pay rates punctually twice a year. It is fitted with a special cast-iron nail upon which the money is automatically paid to the collector. No reasonable man will be without this device when it is put on sale. After all, those who let matters go until they are sued for rates eventually have to pay through the nose and there can be few things more painful or humiliating than . . . . well, sneezing it out shilling by shilling if the nostrils are small and delicately formed.

OBITUARY

MR. G. W. THORNLEY

The death of Mr. George W. Thornley, Dunrath, Sutton, has removed one who was well known in Rugby and golf circles. He had been a playing member of Lansdowne Rugby Football Club, a Past President of Clontarf Rugby Football Club and Vice-President of Suttonians Rugby Football Club. For many years he was a member of Portmarnock Golf Club, and he was a trustee of the Sutton Golf Club.

Mr. Thornley, who was a native of Staffordshire, came to Messrs. West and Sons, jewellers, Grafton street, Dublin, almost half a century ago, and remained with them until he became Master of the Assay Office (controlled by the Goldsmiths' Corporation of Ireland) some years ago. He was regarded as one of the greatest authorities in the country on old silver.

MGR. SHEERAN

One of Ireland's oldest priests, the Right Rev. Monsignor M. Sheeran, P.P., V.G., Moville, died yesterday at the Parochial House, Moville. He had been 62 years a priest, and spent 29 years as parish priest of Moville. Previously he had ministered for thirty years as curate, administrator and pastor of Fahan.

SIR WILLIAM HOLDSWORTH

Sir William Searle Holdsworth, K.C., O.M., whose death at the age of 72 at Oxford is announced, was one of the greatest legal authorities in Britain. His "History of English Law," whose twelve volumes took him over 30 years to complete, is the standard authority on the subject.

MEMOIRS OF PERCY FRENCH

"I was born a boy, and remained one ever since." This extract from the memoirs of Percy French was included in an interesting paper on the famous Irish humorist which was read by Mr. Henry Franklin at the Dublin Rotary Club luncheon in the Gresham Hotel yesterday. French said that he wanted to be a pirate when a boy, his mother wanted him to be a cleric, and his father suggested the law as a compromise between the two. He finally obtained the B.A. and B.A.I. degrees in the University of Dublin, after so long a time studying that, he said himself, the College authorities gave him the degrees in lieu of having to grant him a pension. He also said that he "emerged at last from the portals of Trinity College, Dublin, admirably unfitted for any profession whatsoever." Mr. Franklin quoted from French's songs, and told a number of anecdotes of the humorist's adventures in touring Ireland giving lectures and sketching.

Mr. Franklin also suggested that French was a big enough figure in the life of Ireland to deserve a monument, which ought to be erected at Mourne, the name of which he immortalised in "The Mountains of Mourne."

Mr. T. H. Mason, who was in the chair, said that he had toured with French operating the lantern with which he illustrated his lectures. Once, he said in the North of Ireland, there were three people in the hall at the time the lecture was due to begin. French gave them back their money, and he and Mr. Mason went and played billiards for the rest of the evening.

Mr. Duff Cooper, accompanied by Lady Diana Duff Cooper, arrived in Algiers yesterday to take up the post of Ambassador and British Representative to the French National Committee.—(Reuter.)

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

1.0-1.40—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 1.40-1.45—News and Stock Exchange. 1.45-2.30—Records. 6.0—Cuirm Cheoil le Paisdi Scoile a stiuru ag Pilib O Muimhneachain. 6.25—Val Vousden. 6.40—Stock Exchange. Sports Results. 6.45—News. 7.5—Arnold Bax; Viola and Piano Sonata. Joyce Forster (viola), Helen Gullan (piano). 7.35—"American Anthology," by Austin Clarke. 7.55—Radio Eireann Orchestra. 8.30—"The Armchair," by Fay Sargent. 8.50—Two Pianos: Eithne and Maura O'Sharkey. 9.10—"Light Music." 9.15—"Na Rabhcanuithe." 9.45—"Irish Music and Musicians." 10.0—News. 10.30—"Music by Night."

B.B.C. PROGRAMMES

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7.0—News. ...—"The Daily Dozen." 7.30—Berlioz. 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts!" 8.0—News. 8.15—The Kitchen Front. 8.20—Morning Miscellany. 9.0—Reginald New. 9.20—Troise. 10.0—"The Child in Canada." 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Light Airs." 11.30—Band. 12.0—Vocal and Instrumental Music. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—Midday Concert. 2.0—"Top-o'-the-Bill." 2.30—Band. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Evensong. 4.0—Tenor Songs. 4.15—"Thé Dansant." 4.40—"Twice-told Tales." 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.5—Welsh Children's Hour. 5.30—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—Theatre Orchestra. 7.0—Scottish Half-hour. 7.30—"The Christian Message and 1944." 7.45—Richard Haydn in "Take It From Here." 8.15—The Brains Trust. 9.0—News. 9.20—"Red on the Map." 9.40—Northern Orchestra. 10.30—"Those Were the Days." 11.0—"Strange World." 11.10—American Dance Music. 12.0—News.

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6.30—"Reveille!" 7.0—News. 7.15—"Downbeat." 7.45—"Show-time with Dinah Shore." 8.0—News. 8.15—The Kitchen Front. 8.20—Morning Miscellany. 9.0—Reginald New (organ). 9.20—Troise. 10.0—"Novelty Box." 10.15—Welsh Light Programme. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Light Airs." 11.30—Band. 12.0—Vocal and instrumental Music. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—"At Short Notice." 1.30—David Java and his Orchestra. 2.0—"Top-o'-the Bill." 2.30 — Clydebank Burgh Band. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Dvorak and Suk. 4.0—Tenor Songs. 4.15—"Thé Dansant." 4.40—"Mainly Traditional." 5.0—Mary Ellis and Trefor Jones. 5.15—Reginald Foort (organ). 5.30—"The Other Mascagni." 6.0—News. 6.30—News from Australia. 6.40—News from New Zealand. 6.50—News from South Africa. 7.0—News from Canada. 7.5—Ensa Half-hour. 7.35—Midland Light Orchestra. 8.0—Sandy Macpherson (organ). 8.15—"Songs from the Shows." 9.0—News. 9.20—"Into Battle." 9.30—"Rocky Mountain Rhythm." 9.55—"March of the Movies." 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Close down.

A £EAP YEAR RISK

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

In 1286 Alexander III. of Scotland fell off his horse, by the mishap exchanging his sceptre for a harp. Alexander's only living relative was the infant Margaret, daughter of Eric of Norway. She, however, was removed by a whole grove of family trees from the late king. Robert Bruce, seeing that the going was good, suggested himself as a candidate, and thereby encouraged a number of other chieftains to do likewise. At this point the Great Council intervened, told Robert Bruce to go back to watching spiders, and appointed guardians to carry on the government on behalf of the infant Queen. Two years later the guardians passed the following law:

"It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist blissit Megeste, for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk mayden ladye of bothe highe and lowe estait, shall hae liberte to bespeke ye man she lykes, albeit he refuses to taik hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane pundis or less, as his estait may be, except and awis gif he can make it appear that he is bethrothit ane ither woman he then shall be free."

You notice—a Leap Year, 1288, and a lady on the throne. Significant? But nothing ever came of it, at least as far as Margaret was concerned, because she died before she got the chance to bespeke even one man. But the tradition persists. Ilk mayden ladyes of bothe highe and lowe estait are showing no little interest this year in their privilege, seeing that ye men are running so short. Some of them say they have even done some fairly promising bespekeing already.

I am glad, in their interest, to be able to publish the exact terms of the Act. But at the same time I should like to make one or two small comments upon the wording. ". . . . albeit he refuses to taik hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane pundis or less, as his estait may be . . . ." There is really no need for this provision. If he *does* taik hir to be his lawful wyfe he will also be mulcted of ye sum of ane pundis or less, down as far as threepence, as his estait may be. And "except and awis gif he can make it appear that he is bethrothit ane ither woman he then shall be free."

What made Margaret's guardians think, awis gif or not, that the man, bethrothit to ane ither woman, was going to be free?

R.I.A.M. CONCERT HALL PROJECT

In sums ranging from £1 to £25, Dublin music-lovers have already subscribed £300, or almost one-third of the total sum required to give effect to the plans of the Royal Irish Academy of Music to erect at their Westland Row premises a concert hall, with accommodation for 200 or 250 people. Plans, now being prepared, are expected to be ready for submission to the Corporation for approval at the end of the present month. It is hoped that the work will be completed in time for the winter recitals. The cost, it is estimated, will be £1,900.

One contribution of £100 has already been subscribed, subject to the proviso that nineteen other persons or business firms shall subscribe a like sum. Circulars are to be addressed to city firms and music-lovers, appealing for contributions.

BEE SWARM CONTROL

The Snelgrove system of swarm control—a new system, evolved only in 1936, and used by only a few of the more progressive bee-keepers in this country—was demonstrated to members of the Co. Dublin Bee-Keepers' Association by Mr. Arthur Ganly at a meeting of the Association in Dublin yesterday. He described the system as one which promised to be a method of complete control.

It was announced that printed copies of the plans and specifications of "The Dublin" interchangeable hives were available.

MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA

Owing to the indisposition of the President of the Irish Association (the Marquis MacSwiney of Mashanaglass, M.R.I.A., K.M.) the customary courtesy visits to Church and State were not paid on New Year's Day by the representatives of the Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes, and of Malta.

MASONIC ANNUITY FUND

The Board of Governors of the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund will meet in Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street, to-morrow (Wednesday), 5th inst., when the report of the scrutineers of the ballot for the election of six annuitants will be read and the names of the successful candidates declared.

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
MONDAY NIGHT.

MR. DANIEL TWOMEY, in his radio appeal last week for greatly increased egg production, mentioned Great Britain's permanent market for eggs, and insisted that few countries are in a more favourable position than Eire to take advantage of it. The Poultry Association of Great Britain also has its eye on this great market, and, in a memorandum on post-war plans, issued to-day, advocates an expansion of the industry, so that the home producers can supply at least 325 per head of the population during the course of a year, but preferably an egg a day for all. No plans for the industry will succeed unless prices to the producer are economic, states the memorandum, which includes plans for efficient marketing and the control of imports from Eire and elsewhere. The Association urges that the Government should see that the poultry farmer has access, at the earliest possible moment, post-war, to the milling offals, maize, and other grains necessary for efficient egg production.

Centenaries of 1944

Among the notable birth centenaries of 1944 are those of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, who was converted to Quakerism in Cork, and Patrick Ferguson, inventor of the first breech-loading rifle. Penn was born in 1644 and Ferguson in 1744. Ferguson commanded a company of the 70th Foot against the revolted negroes of Tobago in 1776, was wounded in the battle of Brandywine in the following year, and took part in the artillery siege of Charleston in 1779. He accompanied Lord Cornwallis in his march through the Carolinas, and was killed at King's Mountain, North Carolina, shortly after his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel.

Back From U.S.A.

Mr. Jim Griffiths, M.P. for Llanelly, and a leading figure in the agitation in the House of Commons for the release of Frank Ryan from Burgos Penitentiary, has just returned to Britain from a three months' tour of the U.S.A. He has visited seventeen States, has spoken at more than a hundred meetings, taken part in twenty radio discussions and had interviews with all leaders of Labour unions of the A.F.L. and the Railway Brotherhoods, and, in addition, addressed a large number of meetings of workers and attended many conferences. In the U.S.A., as in Britain, he found that there was deep concern regarding the post-war situation. The greatest interest was shown as to plans to secure full employment when the war ended, in plans for social security and in questions on the Beveridge plan.

Irish-American Bishop

Most Rev. Dr. Bonaventure F. Broderick, Titular Bishop of Juliapolis and Auxiliary to Archbishop Spellman, of New York, whose death is announced at 74, was born of Irish parents at Hartford, Connecticut. He spent many years in the Diocese of Havana, Cuba. In 1920 he made an exhaustive examination of the so-called Protocols of Zion, and unhesitatingly pronounced them spurious and entirely unworthy of consideration. Our civilisation owes much of its beginnings to the Jewish race, he declared, and if what the Jews contributed to it were taken away little would be left.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Nocturne

The peculiar freemasonry that binds together all those who have the misfortune to work by night has led me recently into a series of interesting conversations with a most entertaining Guard on night duty. Our friendship, which hitherto had consisted of an exchange of "Good-night," developed a few weeks ago into a nightly discussion on all conceivable subjects.

He has a flair for building up preposterous arguments, which he constructs carefully only to destroy them, when complete, by the simple admission that his premisses were false. He admits that the night hours drag by slowly, and that he is wont to while them away by trying to find a fool-proof construction for trisecting an angle. He also enjoys composing a little Greek free verse and reciting Polonius's advice to Laertes to himself.

He is a most instructive character, and I was most grieved when he told me the other night that he will be off night duty until the beginning of March. I look forward to his return with genuine eagerness.

Calendars

It may be recalled that a week or two ago I found occasion to bewail the shortage of calendars. Apparently I started something, all unwittingly; for ever since the calendars have been pouring into my office in numbers sufficient to gratify not only me, but one or two of my colleagues as well.

I hope that all those who sent them will accept this note by way of thanks, because it would have been very difficult to reply to them all individually; and I hope that they will allow me to reciprocate most sincerely the good wishes that accompanied so many of their gifts.

No calendars go astray here. The severely practical ones—the office models—are occupied constantly in reminding us not to publish Saturday's paper on Tuesday, or anything of that sort, while the pictorial ones brighten all our lives as they hang among the maps all around the wall.

The Good Companions

The Good Companions, who are giving a concert at the Abbey Lecture Hall on January 11th, with the distinguished pianist, Cyril Smith, as guest artist, are familiar to Dublin audiences.

They are a small party of twelve singers, who meet weekly for the practice of madrigals and part-songs, and have recently celebrated their thirteenth "birthday."

In pre-war days they organised many concerts, at which several eminent soloists, such as Clifford Curzon and Thelma Reiss, made their first appearances in Dublin. From time to time they have had the privilege of coaching from Mr. Steuart Wilson and Lady Harty, both of whom have always taken a kindly interest in their activities.

At their forthcoming concert Cyril Smith will play works by Chopin, Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Albeniz, and the Good Companions will sing groups of madrigals and part-songs and also Kodaly's cycle of Hungarian folk-songs entitled "Matra Pictures."

"Long Ears" in Demand

Although the new Patricia Lynch book, "Long Ears," received excellent notices, it was not seen in the Dublin shops over Christmas. But those who failed to get it during the Christmas season should not blame their bookseller. The explanation is simple. The entire issue was sold out before publication, and was rationed to booksellers in England and Ireland.

The manager of a leading Dublin firm of booksellers told me that he estimated that they could have sold 500 copies, and they had inquiries from all over the country. They received 25 copies. Other shops were in a similar plight.

Heavy printings of earlier Patricia Lynch books have been selling rapidly in England. Entire issues of from 3,000 to 4,000 copies, say the publishers, would be swallowed up in London in a few weeks, but they are rationed to various towns. However, "Long Ears" may be reprinted soon.

QUIDNUNC.

THE OLD CUSTOM OF "HANSEL"

"Hansel Monday? Oh yes, that's the day when somebody gives you a penny, or something, isn't it?"

This is the answer an *Irish Times* reporter received when he asked a young woman if she had exchanged "hansel" with anybody. Other inquiries on the same subject made all over the city evinced answers denoting various stages of ignorance, varying from vague ideas about the exchange of gifts to a complete lack of any ideas on the subject at all.

There was only one exception to the general rule. One man said that, while he had never traded in "hansel" himself, his wife had just received a silver florin from her maid. The same thing had happened last year, he said, and, to the best of his knowledge, his wife still kept the coin in a box on her dressing-table.

At one time the exchange of hansel—or, in other words, a piece of silver, usually a three-penny bit—on the first Monday of the New Year was a fairly general procedure, and the retention of the coin until the next year was reputed to ensure that one would not be without money for that year. In some parts of the city of Dublin, the word "hansel" is used in the sense of something for nothing.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY CRAFT IN DUBLIN

The eighteenth century, when Dublin was particularly rich in every type of domestic and native craft, was very instructive in showing how building, furniture, painting and every form of workmanship were bound together by common principles, Mr. J. E. Barton stated yesterday, when he lectured on "How to Enjoy Art" to the Royal Dublin Society.

Declaring that the art seen in art galleries was usually cut off from its original setting, Mr. Barton said that sculpture and painting should be judged in relation to the architectural scheme of which it once had formed part. It was important also to notice how good artists, whether great or small, observed the nature of the medium in which they worked, whether stone, metal, glass, oils or water-colour.

In the afternoon lecture on "The Works of Man," Mr. Barton dealt with the work through the ages from the Pyramids to the Rockefeller Center.

Mr. Barton is holder of the Newdigate Prize for Poetry, has broadcast on art topics, and participated in the B.B.C.'s Brains Trust programmes.

DECLARATIONS IN SUPREME COURT

In the presence of the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court, Dublin, yesterday, Judge D. J. O'Brien made the declaration required by the Constitution, on his appointment as Chairman of the Railway Tribunal for another year; and Messrs. Hugh J. McCann, barrister-at-law; James P. O'Reilly, barrister-at-law; D. Ua Donnchadha, solicitor, and Martin J. Molloy, barrister-at-law, made the declarations required on their appointments as District Justices, the first three until June 30th, and Mr. Molloy until March 31st next.

IRISH WILLS

Mrs. Maria Nolan (widow), 43 Wellington road, Dublin, and Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda—£1,191 (Eire); Laurence Kilcommins, Killian, Newbridge, Co. Kildare—£1,013 (Eire).

Mr. William Muir Molyneux, of 29 Groomsport road, Bangor, Co. Down—£941 (Britain); Mr. Martin Coleman, of Knocknaganny, Albert road, Sligo—£3,300 (Eire).

MR. HERBERT READE

Circumstances have prevented Mr. Herbert Reade, the distinguished art critic, from coming to Dublin for the opening of the Exhibition of Subjective Art. He was also to speak before the Architectural Association, but now will not be able to fulfil either engagement. The speech he was to make at the Exhibition has, however, been forwarded, and it will be read at the opening.

Formal recognition by Argentina of the new Bolivian Government of Major Villarroel was announced yesterday by General Gilbert, Argentine Foreign Minister.

PROPOSED NEW SANATORIUM

Competitive designs are invited by Dublin Corporation for a new tuberculosis sanatorium, to accommodate 320 patients and to be built at Ballyowen, Lucan. The competition is open to all qualified architects who are members of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the American Institute of Architects, to registered architects in any of the countries named or members of a similar body or society elsewhere. The premiums range from £500 down to £150, and the assessors are Messrs. Harry Allberry, A.R.I.B.A. (Chairman); Vincent Kelly, B.Arch., President R.I.A.I., F.R.I.B.A.; J. M. Easton, F.R.I.B.A.; Ralph Byrne, F.R.I.A.I., and Dr. A. J. Walsh, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Resident Medical Superintendent, Crooksling Sanatorium.

AMERICAN CHRISTMAS MAILS

The "post early" advice that was so well followed in Ireland this Christmas was, it seems, also followed in America by the many friends of Irish people living there; for already over half of the United States mails have been received and despatched to addresses all over the country.

A large portion of the American mails arrived before Christmas this year, and it is thought that the outstanding correspondence will soon arrive.

RELIEF FOR IRISH IN SHANGHAI

An increase of 40 per cent. in the monthly allowance made to Irish citizens in Shanghai has been recommended by the International Red Cross, and has been agreed to by the Central Executive Committee of the Irish Red Cross.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Announcements in this Column (which in all cases must be authenticated) are charged at the rate of 1/- per line (minimum 3/-).

BIRTHS

ATTRIDE—December 21, 1943, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Doreen (née Wardell), wife of F. D. Attride, Stacumny, Celbridge, a son.

GRANT DUFF—December 28, 1943, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Duff, 12 Rathdown Park, Terenure, Dublin, a son.

MORROW—December 26, 1943, at Seamount Nursing Home, Galway, to Dorothy, wife of George Morrow, Athenry, a daughter.

MURPHY—December 19, 1943, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Carmel, wife of John Murphy, a daughter (Katherine Mary).

O'DEA—December 27, 1943, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Kitty, wife of Dr. Michael O'Dea, Lisdoonvarna, a son (John Patrick Maurice).

RUDD—December 31, 1943, at Eldoret, Kenya, to Guenda, wife of Geoffrey Burkitt Rudd, a daughter (Oriel Mary).

TYRRELL—December 24, 1943, to Jean (née Wilson), wife of Robert Tyrrell, a daughter.

WHITE—December 28, 1943, to Reena, wife of H. J. White, Coolmore, Thomastown, a son.

MARRIAGE

O'CARROLL and CASEY—November 24, 1943, at St. Peter's, Bray (with Nuptial Mass), by Rev. K. Brady, C.C., Bray, assisted by Rev. J. O'Hare and Rev. M. Kivlehan; Gerard, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. O'Carroll, Main street, Bray, to Molly, younger daughter of the late James and Mrs. Casey, The Bungalow, Dublin road, Bray.

DEATHS

BALL—January 3, 1944, at his residence 80 St. Lawrence road, Clontarf, James Charles Ball, in his 102nd year. Funeral (private) to Clontarf Cemetery.

BOYD—January 3, 1944, at Stradbally Rectory, Leix, Fanny M. (Fern), youngest and last surviving child of the late Dr. J. W. Boyd, M.D., New Ross and grand-daughter of Admiral Sheppard McCormick. Funeral strictly private. "In Thy Presence is fullness of joy" (Psalm 16-11).

BROWN—December 31, 1943, at her daughter's residence, 38 Alleyn road, Dulwich, London, S.E.21, Pauline Brown, widow of the late James Brown, National Bank, Dublin, aged 74 years.

BYERS—January 3, 1944, at his residence, 56 Fitzwilliam street, Belfast, Rev. Robert Byers, Methodist Minister. Funeral to City Cemetery, after Service in Sandy Row Methodist Church at 2 p.m., to-morrow (Wednesday), 5th inst.

DAVIES—December 30, 1943, Mary Brown Davies, widow of the late William Moorhouse Davies, Deputy Inspector-General, Royal Irish Constabulary, late of Starr Bank, Cupar, Fife, and mother of Mrs. Curzon Cursham, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire.

GAMBLE—December 26, 1943, in India, Doctor Edward Moore Gamble, dearly loved elder son of Frederick W. and Edith Gamble, Derwent, Shankill.

GARLAND—January 2, 1944, David, darling infant son of Vincent and Dorothy Garland, Gleneagles, Seapoint avenue, Blackrock.

HALL—January 1, 1944, at a Dublin nursing home, Francis S. Hall, F.S.I., 188 Upper Rathmines road and 19 Fleet street. Funeral arriving at Mount Jerome to-day (Tuesday) at 9.45 a.m.

HENNESSY—January 3, 1944, at her residence, 6 Palmerston road, Dublin, Joan, youngest darling daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex L. Hennessy, in her 16th year. Funeral from residence at 10.15 a.m. to Mount Jerome to-morrow (Wednesday), January 5.

HERLIHY—At Glenridding House, Glenridding, Westmorland, Eileen Dorothy, beloved wife of Daniel Denis Herlihy, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Cullen, Rossmore Lodge, Kildare. Was interred at Patterdale, Westmorland.

McNERNEY—January 2, 1944 (his 72nd birthday) at the Westminster Hospital, London, Joshua William McNerney, Barrister-at-Law, of 56 Rodenhurst road, London, S.W.4, beloved husband of Eileen (née Sherlock), and devoted father of John. Requiem at St. Mary's Clapham, on Friday at 10 a.m. Interment at Streatham Cemetery about 11 a.m.

MULVEY—Thomas Francis Mulvey, called Home New Year's Day, 1944, 17 Herbert place, eldest son of the late Nicholas and Ann Mulvey, of Dublin. Funeral arriving Mount Jerome 9.30 a.m.

O'CONNELL—On Tuesday, December 28, 1943, at Brockenhurst, Hants, England, the Rev. Sir John Robert O'Connell, K.C.S.G., K.G.C.H.S. Requiem Mass at St. Andrew's, Westland, Dublin, at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow (Wednesday), the 5th January, 1944. Interment afterwards in Glasnevin Cemetery. R.I.P.

POOLE—January 3, 1944, at a Dublin nursing home, Adeline, widow of the late William Poole, of Waterford. Funeral arrangements later.

POPE—On Monday January 3, 1944, at 28 Dartmouth square, Dublin, James William Patrick, eldest son of Doctor James A. Pope, late of 113 Upper Rathmines, Dublin. Funeral private. No flowers. "Grant him O Lord, eternal rest. Amen."

SHARPE—January 3, 1944, at 74 Grosvenor square, Rathmines, Maria, elder daughter of the late Robert Sharpe, Dublin. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing sister and relatives. Funeral to Mount Jerome 11 o'clock, to-morrow (Wednesday). "My Redeemer liveth." New Zealand papers please copy.

SMITH—January 2, 1944, at her residence, Church View, Navan, Nano, wife of the late William P. Smith. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing children and grandchildren. R.I.P. Office and High Mass to-day (Tuesday) at St. Mary's, Navan, at 11 o'clock (new time). Funeral immediately afterwards to New Cemetery.

STAWELL—December 31, 1943, at Mitchelstown, Elizabeth A. Stawell, daughter of the late William and Mrs. Stawell, Kilbrack, Doneraile, Co. Cork.

SWANTON—January 2, 1944 (suddenly), at his residence, William street, Bantry, Richard Henry, son of the late Robert and Mrs. Swanton, and husband of Elizabeth Swanton (née Shannon). Funeral from Bantry Church for Abbey to-day (Tuesday) at 3 p.m.

WEBB—January 2, 1944, at a Dublin hospital, Ada Mary, widow of Edward Webb, 35 Sandycove road, Dun Laoghaire. Deeply regretted. Funeral arriving Dean's Grange Cemetery at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow (Wednesday).

WILSON—January 1, 1944, at The Rest, Camden row, William Alfred Wilson, aged 80, dearly-beloved husband of Mary Wilson, 45 Edenvale road, Ranelagh. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, son and daughter. Funeral from The Rest this (Tuesday) morning to Mount Jerome Cemetery. "Until the day break and the shadows flee away. Even so come, Lord Jesus."

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found in Page 3.

IN MEMORIAM

BEATTIE—In ever-loving memory of my beloved mother, died January 4th, 1928, at 1 Belton terrace, Bray.
She shall sleep, but not for ever,
There will be a glorious dawn,
I shall meet to part no never,
On the Resurrection morn.
—Sara.

DART—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, John, who passed away January 4th, 1943. Sadly missed by his loving wife and sons.—Georgina.

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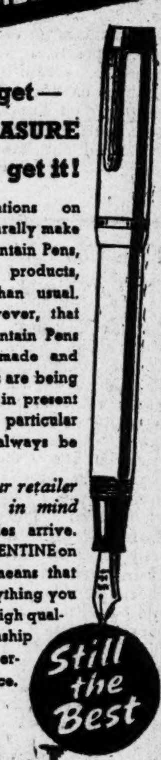
The Stationery Office has published, at the request of the Minister for Supplies, a new edition of the handbook on rationing and price control which was originally issued in July, 1943, for the guidance of shopkeepers. Copies may be purchased from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3/4 College Street, Dublin, or any bookseller, price 4d. (post free 5d.).

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.

Department of Supplies. 3rd January, 1944.

YOUR VALENTINE



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If your hair is going grey or falling, don't use a dye. Capitine is a stimulating hair tonic for your hair, which will quickly restore the natural colour, making your hair soft and silky, ravishing, lustrous and beautiful. Thousands have been charmed with the difference Capitine makes.
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AUCTIONS

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WE have received instructions from Mr. William Fagan to SELL BY AUCTION, IN THE FARMYARD AT HINCHOGUE, CARRICKMINES, ON

FRIDAY NEXT, 7th JANUARY, 1944,

COMMENCING AT 11.30 O'CLOCK SHARP, THE FOLLOWING:—20 Dairy Cows (15 in ful. milk, 5 due to calve Jan./Feb.), 4 young Cattle (2-8 months), 3 Working Horses, 40 Tons of Hay, 40 Tons of Mangolds, 15 Tons of Turnips, 2 Tons of Potatoes, 30 Barrels of Oats quantity of Straw, 3 Sets of Cart Harness, Back Bands, Traces, Swings, etc.; Ploughing Harness, Pulper, Oats Bin, 9 Milk Cans, 2 Milk Buckets and Strainer, Steam Chest and Boiler, Cooler and Pan, Butter Churn, Milk Bottles and Crates 3 Ploughs, 1 Metal Roller, 1 Stone Roller, 2 Harrows, 1 Grubber, 1 Scuffle, 1 Seed Sower, 1 Mowing Machine, 1 Swarth Turner, 1 Wheel Rake, 1 Iron Rake, 1 Wooden Rake, 1 Hay Bogie, 1 Farm Cart, Rakes, Forks, Spades, etc., 2 Wheelbarrows, 2 Feeding Buckets, Galvanised Tank, 1 7-cwt. Platform Scales, etc.

Hinchogue is situate beside Carrickmines Railway Station, and can be reached by train from Harcourt Street at 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., or by No. 63 'bus from D'Olier Street.

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TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) & THURSDAY, 5th & 6th JANUARY, 1944.

SALE OF AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF FURNITURE, CARPETS, PIANOS, ETC., including Superior Oak and Mahy. Bedroom Suites, Duchesse Pairs, Chest of Drawers, Beds, etc.; Mahy. M/B Sideboards, Oak D/R Suites, Parlour Suites, China Cabinets, Occasional Tables and Chairs, O/Mantels, Lloyd Loom Armchairs, G/T Tables, Chesterfield Suites, Standard Lamps, Bookcases, Bureaux, Hall Stands and Chairs, Allison and Khula Pianos, Electric and Gas Cookers, Axminster and Indian Carpets, Stair Carpet, Prams, Wireless Sets, Gramophone and Records, Hoover Dustette Electric Fire, L. & G. Cycles, Deal Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture, Curbs, Singer Sewing Machines, etc., etc.

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WE have received instructions to LET BY AUCTION on the Lands at Skreen Castle, at 3 p.m., on MONDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1944, 80 ACRES I.P.M., in the following divisions:—

	A.	R.	P.
LAWN	13	3	22
FAIRGREEN	10	1	0
THREE ACRE	3	1	5
RAPPOX	22	0	35
LONGFIELD	23	1	6
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The Lands are herded and watered. Full particulars on application.

STORE CATTLE AUCTION 500 HEAD, TO-MORROW (WED.),

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STORE CATTLE SALE,

AT 50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN, TO-MORROW (WED.), AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Entries include 3 freshly-calved Heifers with calves at foot.

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TO-DAY, 12 o'clock (VIEW FROM 10 A.M.), SANTA MARIA, VICO RD., KILLINEY (5 mins. Killiney 'bus terminus). RESIDUE FURNITURE, "FORD" V.8, GARDEN EFFECTS, Etc.

(As already fully advertised).

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Entries include some good lots of polled bullocks suitable for the stalls or straw yards, as well as bullocks and heifers for wintering out.

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LOST, Saturday morning, Westmoreland street, Parker Duofold Pen, name engraved on same. Reward if returned to J. F. Broderick, 25 Wellington quay, Dublin.

LOST, Tuesday, Leopardstown, Steel Plate of Shooting Stick; reward. Box O 273.

NOTICE

Unless otherwise stated, all vacancies advertised hereunder are for employment in Ireland (exclusive of the Six Counties of Northern Ireland).

SITUATIONS VACANT

A RECEPTIONIST-HELP, good ck.; indoor; city; state salary, age, send copies refs. Box M 1888.

CLERK (female) for City Office; four or five yrs.' exper. of office work; wages, £2, rising to £3; state age, education, and full partics. of previous employment. Box O 166.

DUBLIN firm of Ladies' Outfitters require the services of a young Lady as Book-keeper and Cashier; when applying state salary and experience; outdoor. Box M 1661.

DENTIST requires Receptionist Secretary. Apply Box M 1674.

EXPD. Male Clerk, Dublin office; wages and bonus, 75/-; state age and full partics. Box O 167.

ESTATE Agent Requires smart Canvasser and Salesman; exper. essential. Reply giving full partics., to Box M 1608.

EXPD. or Manageress required for City Restaurant with large trade; salary £200 per annum, rising. Only those with first class experience need apply, in confidence, to Box M 1684.

FARM Worker Wtd.; knowledge all farm work and animals; man with son preferred; Co. Meath; house and perquisites. Box Z 1295. Farm Worker.

GARDENER for Wicklow; quiet place. Apply, with copies of refs., stating salary, all found, to Box M 292.

GIRL with good knowledge of book-keeping; must be accurate at figures; some knowledge of shorthand, typing desirable; wages to start 25/-. Box O 269.

HOTEL Cook—Expd. Woman for Family Hotel. Apply, copies of refs., age, salary, etc., to Box M 291.

JUNIOR Shorthand-Typist Required by Insurance Brokers; previous exper. not essential; state age, school and salary required. Box M 314.

NURSE-COMPANION required, elderly couple, mornings, Dun Laoghaire. Box O 249.

OFFICE Assistant Wtd. for Hotel, Dublin, indoor; state age, exper., religion. Box M 1690.

OFFICE Boy required for well-known Dublin firm of Solicitors. Reply, with copy refs. to Box O 245.

STRONG House Boy and Gardener req. for suburbs. Box O 182.

SHORTHAND-TYPIST & Filing Clerk Reqd. by Dublin Wholesalers. Send copies refs. & state wage expected. Box O 288.

SOMEONE with intelligent interest in children and knowledge of housekeeping Wtd. immediately by expectant mother of boy 2½; Protestant preferred; maid kept. Box Z 1365. Person.

TELEPHONE Operator for large City Hotel. Only those with exper. of very busy switchboard need apply. Apply, with copies refs. & full partics., stating age, salary expected, living in, to Box M 290.

WTD., Staff for Irish Airport, Reception and Catering. Applicants must be young, of good appearance and character and of exceptional ability. Apply in own handwriting, and send photograph, to Brendan O'Regan, 27 Dawson street, Dublin.

WTD., Co. Donegal, young Lady, Shorthand Typist, Bookkeeper, with exper. Apply Box Z 1358. Lady.

WTD., capable Companion-Help for Flat; all electric; good refs. Apply, by letter, Crowther, Burnaby House, Greystones.

WTD., Man, under Stud Groom, thoroughly exprd. with stallions and foaling mares; refs. state family, terms.—Mitchell, Collinstown, Leixlip.

WTD., keen Man to take charge of dairy of 40 to 50 cows; single man with experience of retail trade and clean milk production desirable. Reply, sending copies of refs. to Secretary, Cahir Estates Co., Estate Office, Cahir.

WTD., General Farm Hand, Donegal, married; Protestant prefd.; standard wage; state age, family and exper. Box Z 1336, Farm Hand.

WTD., competent Shorthand-Typist, with at least 2 years' exper.; state education and religion. Box O 206.

WTD., superior Working Housekeeper for modern house, Mt. Merrion; willing to give occasional help with 2 small children; wages £40. Box M 1660.

WTD.—Up to date provincial newspaper office Reqs. immediately, a competent and expd. Machine Man for news and commercial jobbing; permanency for suitable man. Apply Box Z 1302. Machine Man.

WTD. for Christian organisation, Protestant Lady, capable of supervising men's hostel and recreation rooms; must be accustomed to a staff; previous experience not essential. Reply, giving full particulars and salary expected; all information confidential. Box M 1668.

YOUNG Lady Help Wtd., all house duties, with help; 2 ladies; some nursing experience an advantage, though not necessary.—33 Sydney avenue, Blackrock.

LEGAL

DUBLIN Solicitor, with old-established practice, requires young, qualified Assistant, with view to ultimate partnership; state age, experience, salary expected. Box M 1647.

LEGAL Accountant Requires expd. Shorthand Typist; state exper. and copies refs. Box O 157.

SOLICITORS (Dublin), Req. Junior, exper. shorthand-typist; R.C.; state refs., salary. Box O 205.

AGENCIES.

ORGANISATION of repute, with first class overseas connections, requires Agents in Eire able influence large import business in textiles, hosiery, leather, and general produce. Write fully, in strictest confidence, regarding experience, trade connections, and past performance, to Box 23, Brandis-Davis Agency, Ltd., 231 Strand, London, W.C.2.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

BUILDING Foreman, expd. craftsman, own scaffolding and plant, undertakes work, contract or time and material basis; architects' inquiries invited. Box O 274.

DISENGAGED, Lady, Protestant, cook housekeeper, light duties; experience children; Co. Dublin, Wicklow, Meath; would go temporarily. Box 899, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock.

EXPD. Home Dressmaker, R.C. (diploma dressmaking), go improver; neat sewer, good finish. Box Z 1338, Improver.

EXPD. Gardener seeks work, daily or weekly; well recommended; South side. Box M 1650.

ELDERLY Protestant woman seeks post Companion-Help; would give services for nice home. Box M 1679.

EXPD. Shorthand Typist desires post; best refs. and qualifications. Box O 134.

FARMER'S daughter, 42, R.C., desires position of trust, housekeeping, companion-help, care of children; refs.; Dublin; presently engaged. Box M 288.

LADY recomds. good Cowman, milker; married; free now. Box Z 1351 Cowman.

LADY Housekeeper, young, capable, energetic, cheerful, take complete charge of home and children. Box O 242.

PARLOURMAN, experienced; free any time. Box M 265.

REFINED, educated Lady, R.C. (30), seeks post; pianoforte diploma; domesticated, needlewoman, most trustworthy, adaptable. Box Z 1327. Lady.

REFINED, well educated young Widow, good appearance, seeks post, Secretary-Receptionist, Companion, Sec., or clerical work of any kind; excellent refs. Box Z 1357. Widow.

REFINED Lady seeks position as Housekeeper or Companion; interview if necessary. Box Z 1362. Lady.

STUDENT entering Veterinary College Sept., 1944, is anxious meantime to go on a farm with a view to gaining experience in animal management. Reply Box Z 1359. Student.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED CONTINUED

YOUNG Protestant Woman Reqs. permanent, reliable position; credentials unquestionable; suburban locality. Box O 279.

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A DRESSING made from pure Surgical Absorbent Cotton Wool, uniform in thickness, covered with Surgical Absorbent Gauze, "Clongee" (regd.) Tissue. X

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QUALIFIED Assistant Wtd. for Sth. Co. Dublin; must have city exper. Box Z 1318. Assistant.

STUDENT Nurses for 2 years' training in special Dublin hospital. Required. Applicants to state age and standard of education. Interview and test exam. by appointment; stamp. Box Z 1356. Nurses.

STAFF Nurse Required, Dublin hospital. Applicants to give particulars of training and subsequent experience; stamp. Box Z 1356. Nurse.

TRAINED Nurse Wtd. for Nursing Home. Box Z 1369. Nurse.

USE of fully equipped lab. offered to qualified pharmaceutical grinder. Box M 1712.

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ALL Professional and University Preliminaries, Oral and Correspondence. McGuire's College, Gardiner's Row. X

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GERMAN Beginners' Class—Eight Lesson Courses, 6/-—Goahead School, 39 Harcourt street.

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SUCCESSFUL Daily Governess seeks pupils; city or reasonable distance outside; languages (acquired abroad), usual subjects. Box O 264.

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SLOW Learning Children given Individual Tuition by expd. Secondary Teachers. Write for prospectus. Box Z 1264. Tuition. X

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EXPD., capable Children's Nurse, Protestant, Wtd. for Dublin suburbs, or would consider girl to train; must be very highly recommended. Box Z 1366. Nurse.

RESIDENT Kindergarten Teacher (C.I.) reqd. for small class in Southern Secondary School. Apply, with full particulars. Box Z 1296. Teacher.

WTD., an expd. Protestant Governess, two girls, 5 and 7; must be well recomd.—Mrs. Purdon Coote, Bearforest, Mallow, Co. Cork.

WTD., Lady Teacher (Catholic) for instruction 2 children, religion & first less. 1 or 2 hours daily; Donnybrook district. Box O 285

WTD. immediately, Resident Mistress to teach French throughout school. Apply Miss Purdon, St. Margaret's Hall Mespil road, Dublin.

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CASH Advanced, £25 to £5,000, with or without security. — The Dublin Finance Corporation, Ltd., 6 Westmoreland street, Dublin. 'Phone 21287. X

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AT once—Capable Cook Genl., all duties, family 6; also young, partly trained H.-P'maid; Blackrock; sisters might suit. Telephone 81477, mornings, or Box O 234.

A RELIABLE, expd. General for modern house; 2 adults, 1 child; good refs. essential. Apply 57 Kimmage rd., West, or 'phone 96616.

A SMART young General Wtd.; good wages; small adult family. Apply, any evening after 6 o'c., to 145 Templeogue rd.

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AN outdoor Daily Genl. Reqd.; 10/- weekly; all duties. Call Parsons, Bridge House, Up. Baggot Street.

A YOUNG, partly trained H.P'maid. Required.—20 Waterloo road.

BALLSBRIDGE, expd., young General Reqd., Esse cooker; must be good cook and highly recomd.; woman 2 days; good wages to suitable applicant. Box O 225.

BETWEENMAID Wtd. for country house, 2 miles Bray; exper. and personal refs. preferred; state age, wages. Apply Mrs. Spiro, Wingfield, Kilmacanogue.

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CAPABLE General required, small family, easily run house; good wages; send refs.—Kingston, Glenview, Howth.

EXPD., young Genl. Wtd., outdoor; no Sunday work; enclose refs. (copies). Box O 229.

EXPD. General Wtd.; good refs.; knowledge of cooking; small family. Call, after 7, 10 Leicester avenue, Rathgar.

EXPD. Cook-General Wtd., Howth; house-maid kept; wages £45, increasing if suitable; state age. Box O 270.

GENERAL Wtd. immediately, Rathgar; accustomed to children; good outings and wages. Reply, with copies refs., wages expected. Box O 252.

GENERAL, partly trained might suit; 3 in family.—19 Merton Drive, Ranelagh. 'Phone 91346.

GOOD General Wtd. Apply 19 Mountainview rd., Ranelagh, or 'phone 92798.

GENERAL Wtd., Dun Laoghaire, 3 adults, small house, all duties. 'Phone 81475 or write Box O 278.

HOUSE P'maid Wtd.; convenient house; small family; near R.C. church; good wages; interview, Dublin, about Jan. 8th. Box Z 1337, H. P'maid.

HOUSEMAID-Waitress Required, city; outdoor; good references essential. Box O 230.

HIGHLY recommended, trustworthy Girl required, preferably country; all duties; small family; suburbs; excellent wages. Box M 1711.

IMMEDIATELY, temporary General, Sandycove tramline, lady and gentleman; post copies. Box O 268.

RELIABLE Genl. (indoor), all duties; family 3; Ranelagh district; state wages, copies refs. Box O 154.

REQD. expd. General (Protestant preferred), Longford town; must be well recommended. Reply, with ref. (copy) and state wages expected. Box Z 1340, General.

SUPERIOR young Genl. Reqd. immediately, must be clean and smart, plain cooking; 2 adults, Dun Laoghaire district. Box O 231.

WTD., competent, expd. Ck. Genl.; good wages to suitable person. Call or write, St. Ann's, Willbrook road, Rathfarnham.

WTD., General, all duties, 4 adults.—2 to 5 p.m., 45 Rathfarnham road.

WTD. immediately, Blackrock, General; good plain cook; well recommended; good wages and outings; help given. Box Z 1364. General.

DOMESTICS WANTED (Continued)

WTD., good, all'round, young Maid, work with 1 other, gentleman's country house near Tyrecourt, Co. Galway, good refs. & appearance; wages, £25 to £30. Please reply, enclosing copies & state age. Box Z 1350. Maid.

WTD. for Greystones, expd. H.P'maid; good wages. Reply, stating age and send copies refs. Box M 279.

WTD., Protestant Girl, Children's Nurse, Co. Dublin; one to train might suit. Apply, copies refs., Box 568, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire.

WTD., immediately, Trained Children's Nurse for about 1 month. 'Phone: Tallaght 11.

WTD., Trained Nurse to take charge of baby 1½ yrs.; experience essential; good wages; Blackrock district. — 'Phone 82863 or Box M 309.

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WTD. for Rectory, Bray, expd. General; good cook; help given; electric stove. Apply, with copies of refs., to Mrs. Campbell, St. George's Rectory, Dargle road Drumcondra.

WTD., General, assist garden and dogs when required; state age, copies refs., wages expected. Box M 310.

WTD., steady, refined Daily Genl, flat, Upr. Leeson st.; small family; some exper. Reply, with copy ref., M 1708, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot Street.

WTD., for Glenageary, on 'bus route, an expd. Ck. Genl. and a Hse. P'maid, at once. Box M 1704.

WTD., reliable, settled Genl., fond of children; good home & wages to suitable girl. Box O 289.

WANTED, reliable young General for Dublin family, in small modern house, provinces; interview in Dublin immediately Box 346, Dixon, Dun Laoghaire.

WTD., Cook (for Cafe), good carver; assistant cook kept; Esse cooker. State exper., age and salary expected. Box Z 1341. Cook.

WTD., expd. Genl. immediately; no washing; 2 adults, 2 children.—Purcell, Woodlands, Kill o' Grange.

WTD., at once, Kingstown, young Genl.; small house; 2 family; 'phone 81275 enclose copies. Box O 267.

YOUNG Daily Help for single lady, small flat.—2 Lakelands Park, Terenure. Interview 7-9 p.m.

YOUNG Girl, Protestant, Wtd., train general; small adult family; Dublin. Box M 311.

£40—GENERAL, under 30, good cooking, reliable, highly recomd.; small family; suburbs; excellent wage. Box M 1710.

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED

GOOD Cook dis., Protestant; understands dairy, fowl; well recomd. Box O 219.

GENERAL (19), disengaged, seeks position with adult family, South side; good refs. Box 345, Dixon, Dun Laoghaire.

HOUSE Parlourmaid or General, disengaged Jan. 28th, Dun Laoghaire or Bray; wages £36-£40; adult family. Box 567, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire.

WELL recommended Cook-General seeks post, other kept; suburbs. Box O 276.

YOUNG Cook General desires Situation; other maid kept; very well recommended. Box Z 1335, General.

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A PENNY per mile is the cost of running your Truck when fitted with a "Triumph Raw Turf Gas Producer. Particulars from Industrial Appliance Co., Red Mills, Clonskeagh, Dublin. 'Phone 91821.

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FOR Sale, Lady's Bicycle, good condition; suit junior; £6 10/-—323 Crumlin rd.

PRAMS are still available and cheaper at Barron's, 1 Nth. Earl st., Dublin. X

PRAM, large, modn., 38in., fair condn., mechanically perfect, 16in. wheels, good tyres; could recondition good as new about £3; no illness; best offer. Box Z 1346. Pram.

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CANARY Seed, "home grown," 2 tons, 7/6 per lb. Box O 233.

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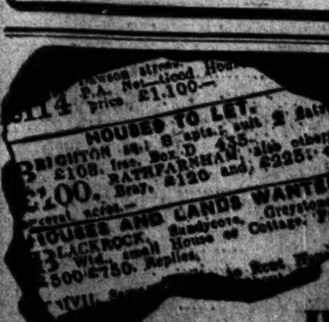

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